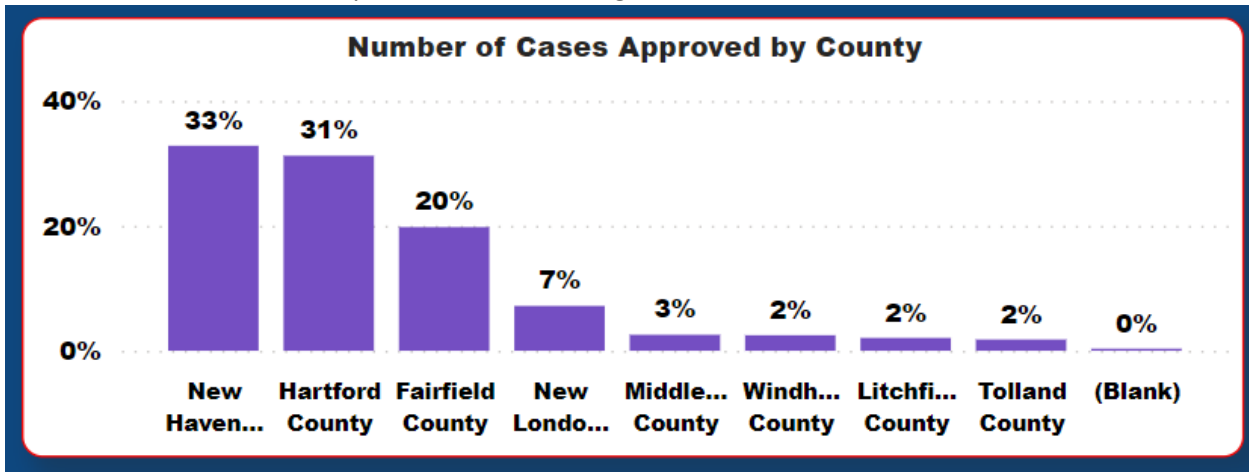


Information for Department of Housing Work Session with C&D Subcommittee March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Q1.** The Department of Housing has an active up-to-date <https://portal.ct.gov/DOH/DOH/Programs/UniteCT> dashboard with a robust compilation of data, including demographics, geographic distribution, and status summaries. Specifically in response to the items identified, as of 3/2/2022:

- a. We have assisted 35,770 unique households, through 7,848 landlords.



- b.
- c. \$227,117,897 has been disbursed (\$185,324,164 for rent/ \$41,793,733 for electric utilities).
- d. \$173,490,639 is remaining to be disbursed; there are more than 33,000 completed applications being processed against these funds.

**Q2.** Can you confirm we have the correct information that you provided at the hearing?

- a. Number of positions open: 10 *(These positions are funded by a variety of funding streams, including GF, Special Revenue and Federal sources).*
- b. Number of people eligible to retire by July 1, 2022: 2 already did, 2 pending
- c. How many applications to HR have been filed: 6 requests for positions have been submitted to date, and we anticipate submitting 2 additional position requests. There will be 2 more submissions after the anticipated retirements are official.
- d. How long is it taking for those applications to be processed? For a completely new hire, our experience has been approximately 3 months from original submission of materials to HR to when a new staff person starts work. For a hire involving an existing state employee, our experience has been approximately 2 months from original submission of materials to HR to when this employee changes positions.

**Q3.** The Governor's Budget proposed \$50 million from ARPA CSFRF to support and invest in the creation of additional affordable housing across the state. Specifically, this allocation will allow the Department of Housing to create 350 units of deep income targeted affordable housing (serving households between 30% and 50% of the

area median income), in addition to the 3,700 units already planned. The production of these additional units and the availability of these funds will further leverage other housing production; estimated to be as much as 1,000 additional housing units. The availability of this funding will allow the acceleration of production on units already under consideration for assistance, as well as generate additional housing opportunities across the construction spectrum. Finally, these funds will contribute significantly to the economic growth necessary in and across the construction industry, statewide.

Funding is intended to leverage other funding opportunities, including federal Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC), to maximize their impact in the production of deep income targeted rental housing across the State. In collaboration with CHFA, there are fifteen projects under review for the 9% LIHTC assistance that is available. In addition, at the end of March, DOH be announcing another Development Engagement Process (DEP) opportunity, which will allow developers (nonprofit, housing authorities, etc) to submit projects to the Department for consideration. The DEP is a very low threshold submission (2-3 pages) and does not have a financial impact on the developer in order to submit. We will use all of this information to identify and optimize investment opportunities across all of our communities.

**Q4.** The table below confirms the way the \$5 million FY 21 Carryforward funding is being spent in FY 22. Below is the breakout of the use of funding:

<b>Description</b>	<b>FY 2022 Carryforward \$</b>	<b>FY 2022 CRF \$</b>
Cold Weather Sheltering & Staff (\$3.8 million for cold weather and \$1.2 million for staff support)	\$3,500,000	\$1,500,000
Mental Health Services for Those in Homeless Service System	\$1,500,000	\$0

**Q5.** Although there is rhetorical information associated with conversions to Airbnb and home sales to large corporations, there is no empirical data to support these conditions. As for strategies to keep rental units and affordable homes available, there are a wide variety of programs and funding streams that are being brought to bear, depending upon the fundamental activity.

#### **Preservation of Existing Affordable Housing:**

##### **Activities/resources that are used include:**

- a. Moderate Rehabilitation (State Bond funds, federal CDBG-Small Cities, Lead Hazard Mitigation, Healthy Homes, Energy Conservation Loan, Loans for Accessibility);
- b. Substantial Rehabilitation (State Bond funds (Flex/HTF), federal HOME and NHTF)
- c. Project-based rental assistance (State Rental Assistance, federal Section 811 PRA, Section 8 HCV)

#### **Creation of New Affordable Housing:**

##### **Activities/resources that are used include:**

- a. Substantial Rehabilitation (State Bond funds (Flex/HTF), federal HOME and NHTF, CDBG-RHP)

- b. New Construction (State Bond funds (Flex/HTF), federal HOME and NHTF, CDBG-RHP)
- c. Low Income Housing Tax Credits (through CHFA)

**New Housing Opportunities:**

**Activities/resources that are used include:**

- a. Accessing new rental assistance opportunities (federal Section 811 PRA, Section 8 Main Stream, VASH, state funded RAP)

The table below summarizes the current development activity, as well as the historical activity under this Administration.

<b>SUMMARY INFORMATION</b>							
		# of Applications	# of Units	Supportive Units	New Units	Rehab Units	Development Cost
<b>100% Complete</b>	<b>2022</b>	3	66	-	-	12	\$2,491,968
<b>100% Complete</b>	<b>2021</b>	49	1,951	213	470	950	\$428,306,818
<b>100% Complete</b>	<b>2020</b>	47	1,787	140	554	762	\$458,417,064
<b>100% Complete</b>	<b>2019</b>	57	3,093	147	1,078	1,395	\$605,146,276
<b>Under Construction</b>		102	4,376	293	1,025	2,272	\$1,002,741,583
<b>In Progress</b>		81	3,037	200	950	1,114	\$808,799,157
<b>TOTALS</b>		339	14,310	993	4,077	6,505	\$3,305,902,866

Q6. Provide an updated list of the projects funded through DOH with ARPA funding and other federal funds provided in response to the pandemic? Please include the amount spent to date for each and if/how much funding is left now.

DOH received ARPA funding in the FY22 budget for two organizations, Hands on Hartford and the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen. The Hands on Hartford grant (\$100,000 in FY 2022) will support their food pantry. The contract started on 1/1/22 and will run through 12/31/22. The DESK contract (\$200,000 in FY 2022) will be for capital repairs to their building to install an elevator and make HVAC improvements. That contract is with the provider for execution and repairs are expected to be completed by 6/30/23.

DOH has not yet received or expended any additional ARPA funding. We are anticipating the receipt of \$35,939,963 in HOME Investment Partnerships – ARP funding. DOH has filed its proposed allocation plan to HUD, and it is under review.

The following table is a compilation of CRF funding DOH has received during the pandemic.

### Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF)

	Allotted/ Requested	Contracted/ Expended	Balance Available
Case management for Danbury shelter clients in hotels	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 0
Hotel Costs to Assist with Shelter Decompression <i>(Note: \$8,422,240 as a receivable of FEMA reimbursement and this includes \$1,875,00 in CRF)</i>	\$ 16,154,959	\$ 7,732,719	(\$ 8,442,240)
Provide Hotel Oversight through Seasonal Shelter	\$ 64,875	\$ 64,875	\$ 0
Coordinated Access Network - Statewide Shelter Support	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 0
Temporary Rental Housing Assistance (TRHAP)	\$ 26,572,000	\$ 26,572,000	\$ 0
Flexible Response Measures - Non-congregate Housing (\$165,000 FEMA)	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 0
Cold Weather Decompression	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 0

### Direct Programmatic Coronavirus Funding (CV)

	Funding Allotted	Contracted/ Expended	Balance Available
Emergency Solutions Grant – Covid (ESG-CV)	\$ 20,750,885	\$ 20,750,885	\$ 0
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS – Covid (HOPWA-CV)	\$ 38,662	\$ 38,662	\$ 0
Community Development Block Grant – Covid (CDBG-CV)	\$ 30,365,085	\$ 12,377,025**	\$ 17,988,060*

\* Requests for CDBG-CV under review equal \$18,900,000

Project/Activity**	Contracted/Expended	Project/Activity	Contracted/Expended
Town of Enfield	\$ 218,748	Pacific House (Public Service/Acq.)	\$ 5,000,000
Town of Portland	\$ 306,800	Town of Trumbull	\$ 200,000
City of Torrington	\$ 170,000	Town of Guilford	\$ 350,000
Town of Stonington	\$ 350,000	Town of Westport	\$ 500,000
Town of Groton	\$ 150,000	Town of Mansfield	\$ 500,000
Town of Enfield (transfer to CHR)	\$ 306,200	Diaper Bank of Connecticut	\$ 500,000
Westport (Gillespie House)	\$ 500,000	New London Homeless Hospitality	\$ 400,000
Town of Portland (Senior Center)	\$ 800,000	Administrative Set-aside	\$ 2,125,577

Q7. Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund is part of the federal funding the state of Connecticut received under the American Recovery Plan Act. For more information on the source of these funds, please contact OPM.