



# Affordable Housing Trust Fund Reserve Balance Funding Recommendation

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Housing, Redevelopment &  
Community Programs

November 9, 2022

MEMBER	ROLE	TERM	APPOINTING BODY
<b>Menodora LeMaster</b>	Community Member	2 years	City Council
<b>Julie Pavlish</b>	Housing/Real Estate	2 years	City Council
<b>Paul Herendeen</b>	Banking/Finance	3 years	City Council
<b>Vacant</b>	Community Member	3 years	City Council
<b>Emily Shankle</b>	Second Alternate	3 years	City Council
<b>Riley Jacobsen (Vice Chair)</b>	Housing Nonprofit	2 years	Mayor
<b>Frank Reed</b>	First Alternate	3 year	Mayor
<b>Elena Montervino</b>	Community Member	3 years	Mayor
<b>Christine Littig</b>	Community Member	3 years	Board of County Commissioners
<b>Lori Davidson</b>	Director of Missoula Housing Authority	n/a	ex-officio
<b>Mayor Jordan Hess</b>	Mayor	n/a	ex-officio
<b>Councilmember Heidi West</b>	City Council Designee	n/a	ex-officio

## Affordable Housing Resident Oversight Committee

Meetings are held the second Wednesday in Council Chambers and on Teams

# Annual Allocation Plan

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- AHTF administers two competitive award cycles per year
  - The Unified Application Round-Winter
  - Affordable Housing Trust Fund Application Round-Summer; when applicable
- The **reserve balance** is set by the Affordable Housing Resident Oversight Committee
  - A maximum of 20 percent of the available balance can be reserved annually
- The **reserve balance** is held for urgent and emergent acquisitions
  - The Affordable Housing Resident Oversight Committee will oversee the reserve balance and vote on the use of reserve balance funds

# Values

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**Diversity:** A healthy housing market includes options and resources for all Missoulians.



**Innovation:** A commitment to innovation will ensure that projects are as dynamic as the community it aims to serve.



**Collaboration:** Missoula's housing policy relies on the collaborative spirit of this community and strong public-private partnerships.



**Achievability:** They reflect realistic projections of city resources and the opportunities we have at our disposal.



# Reserve Balance

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In December of 2021, the Affordable Housing Resident Oversight Committee allocated **\$261,550** to the reserve balance to remain available for emergent and urgent projects throughout the year

**Reserve Balance Request: \$80,000**

**Consumer Housing Services Project:** The Centralized Housing Solutions Fund (CHSF) is a flexible financial assistance fund intended to prevent and end experiences of homelessness for Missoulians.

United Way of Missoula County –  
Centralized Housing Solutions Fund

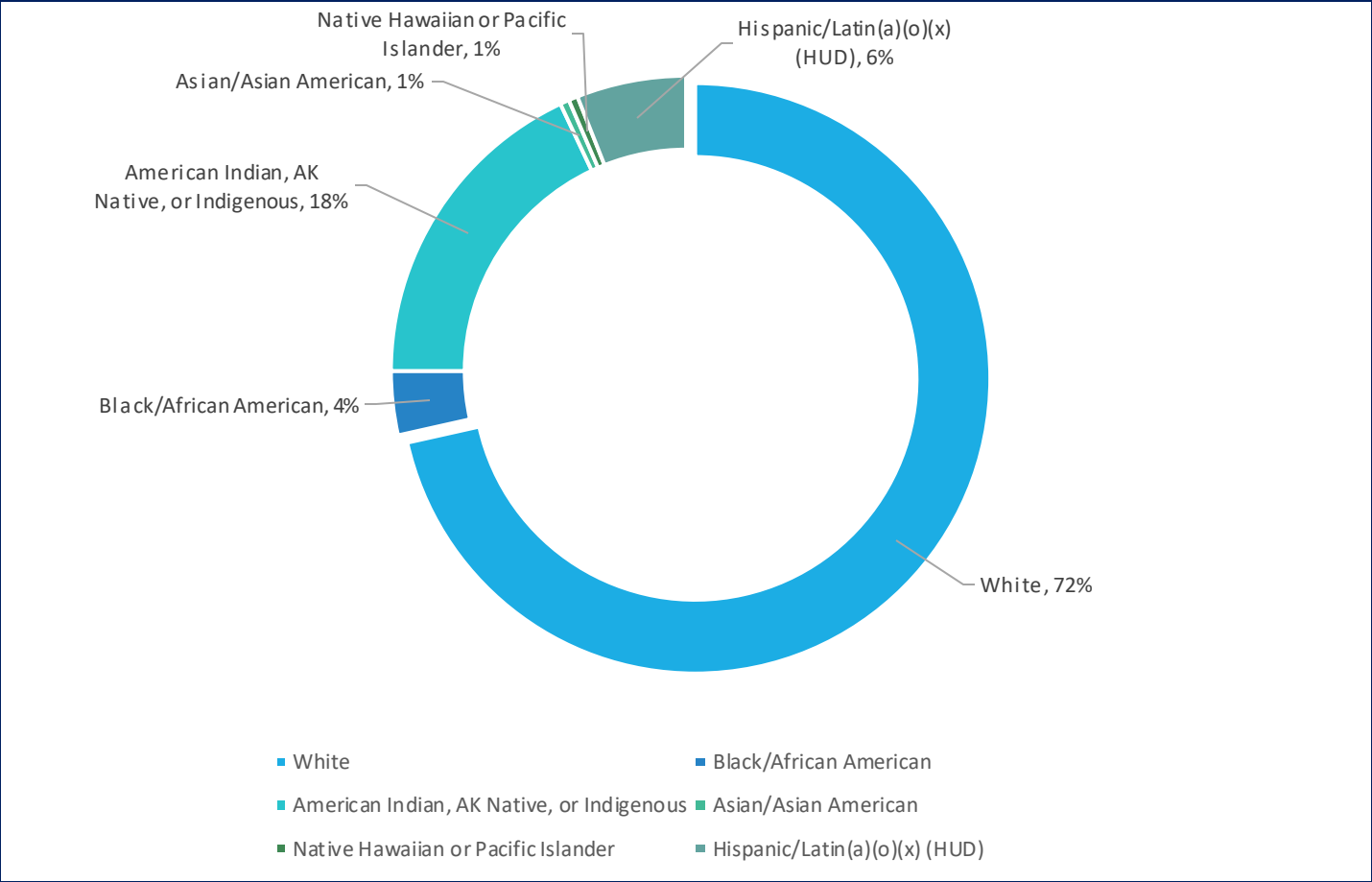
# Impact of Previous Investment

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Received a \$26,250 AHTF award in November 2021

- 138 households prevented or ended an experience of homelessness
- Common Uses:
  - Deposits
  - Applications
  - Rent/arrears
  - Travel costs to return to home community where housing is available with family/friends
- \$400/household average

# Primary Race of Individuals Accessing MCES, 2021



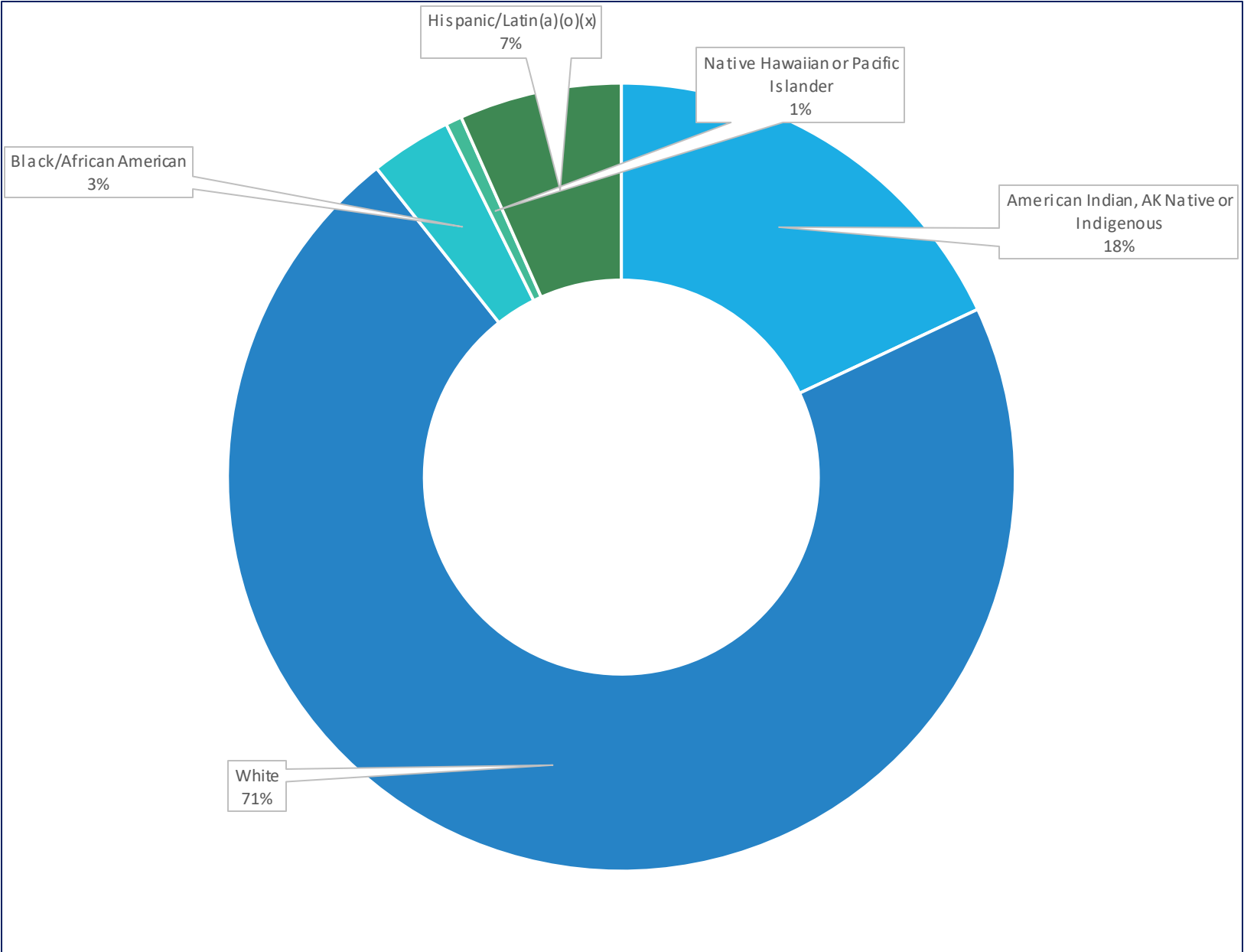
Racial  
Disproportionality  
in Experiences of  
Houselessness

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Source: Missoula Coordinated Entry System



# CHSF Support Disaggregated by Race



# Request Deliberation

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- Committee members met on **October 26, 2022** to discuss the United Way of Missoula County's application for funding to continue operating the Centralized Housing Solutions Fund
- Members in attendance:
  - Christine Littig
  - Lori Davidson
  - Paul Herendeen
  - Riley Jacobsen
  - Menodora LeMaster
  - Julie Pavlish
  - Frank Reed

# Discussion Summary

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- Strong application that highlighted the need and impact of flexible funding to prevent and end experiences of being unhoused
- Meeting an urgent and unmet community need
- Timing/raised whether this application is a better fit for the competitive round
- Systemic realities and need for more housing was raised
  - CHSF allows housing system to do both- respond to immediate needs people have while systemic issues including low housing stock are addressed
- Curiosity about sustainability and future funding needs

# Oversight Committee Recommendation

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- Recommend funding request of \$80,000 for the Centralized Housing Solutions Fund to City Council
- Motion made by Christine Littig & seconded by Frank Reed

Voting Outcome:

Aye: Christine Littig, Lori Davidson, Riley Jacobsen, Julie Pavlish, Menodora LeMaster and Frank Reed

Nay: None

Abstain: None

# Financial Implications

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- The reserve balance was set at \$261,550 by the AHROC in fall of 2022.
- The balance currently reflects the initial allocation, as no requests have been advanced to the AHROC before the United Way of Missoula County's request.
- If the \$80,000 request is approved and funded, \$181,550 will remain for applications to fund emergent and urgent requests.

# Recommended Motion

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Set a public hearing for Monday, November 28, 2022, to consider the funding recommendation made by the Affordable Housing Resident Oversight Committee to fund United Way of Missoula County to operate the Centralized Housing Solutions Fund.