



# HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Public Hearing July 18, 2022

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# Allocation Plan Content

- Consultation
- Public Participation
- Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis
- HOME-ARP Activities
- HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals
- Preferences
- HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines

# Consultation

22 organizations consulted, via interview or stakeholder survey

- 7 Categories
  - Continuum of Care
  - Domestic Violence Service Providers
  - Homeless Service Providers
  - Public Agencies
- Organizations Addressing Fair Housing, Civil Rights, and the Disabled
- Public Housing Agencies
- Veterans Agencies

# Public Participation

128 responses to online survey, open late April to end of May  
Additional feedback from public meetings, direct emails

# Identified Priority Needs

- Shelter facilities that are low-barrier, 24/7, and open to a variety of household structures and identities
- Supportive services to build and maintain stability, address the individual life circumstances of clients
- Increased access to affordable housing
  - Quality, safe, accessible, and stable

# Recommended HOME-ARP Funding Allocations

<b>Programming</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>
<b>Supportive Services</b>	\$ 1,000,000
<b>Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters</b>	\$ 400,000
<b>Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)</b>	\$ 0
<b>Development of Affordable Rental Housing</b>	\$ 1,000,000
<b>Non-Profit Operating</b>	\$ 148,359
<b>Non-Profit Capacity Building</b>	\$ 148,539
<b>Administration and Planning</b>	\$ 273,875
<b>Total HOME ARP Allocation</b>	\$ 2,970,773

# Supportive Services - \$1 Million

- Eligible Expenses
  - Child care
  - Education services
  - Employment assistance and job training
  - Food
  - Housing search and counseling services
  - Legal services
  - Life skills training
  - Mental health services
  - Outpatient health services
  - Outreach services
  - Substance abuse treatment services
  - Transportation
  - Case management
  - Mediation
  - Credit repair
  - Landlord/Tenant Liaison
  - Services for special populations
  - Financial assistance costs
  - Short-term and medium-term financial assistance for rent

# Non-Congregate Shelter - \$400,000

- Private units or rooms as temporary shelter
- No lease or occupancy agreement required
- Funds can be used to construct, acquire, or rehab facilities to be used for this purpose
  - Facility acquisition/rehabilitation could be, for example, hotels or motels

# Tenant-Based Rental Assistance - \$0

- Eligible Costs
  - Rental assistance
  - Security deposit payments
  - Utility deposit assistance
  - Up to 100% of these eligible costs



# Affordable Housing - \$1 Million

- To acquire, rehabilitate, or construct affordable rental housing
- At least 70% of funded units must be used for HOME-ARP qualified populations
- Units can include, but are not limited to, manufactured housing, single room occupancy (SRO) units, and permanent supportive housing
- Funds can be used to provide operating cost assistance

# Nonprofit Operating - \$148,359

- Reasonable and necessary costs of operating the nonprofit organization using HOME-ARP funds, including
  - Employee salaries
  - Wages and other employee compensation and benefits
  - Employee education, training, and travel
  - Rent
  - Utilities
  - Communication costs
  - Taxes
  - Insurance
  - Equipment, materials, and supplies

# Nonprofit Capacity Building - \$148,539

- Costs that will result in expansion or improvement of an organization's ability to successfully carry out eligible HOME-ARP activities, including
  - Salaries for new hires
  - Employee training or other staff development that enhances an employee's skill set and expertise
  - Equipment (e.g., computer software or programs that improve organizational processes), upgrades to materials and equipment, and supplies;
  - Contracts for technical assistance or for consultants with expertise related to the HOME-ARP qualifying populations

# Administration and Planning - \$273,875

- Overall HOME-ARP program management, coordination, monitoring, and evaluation
- Staff and overhead costs of the PJ directly related to carrying out a HOME-ARP project
- Information and other resources to residents and citizen organizations participating in the planning, implementation, or assessment of projects
- Activities to affirmatively further fair housing
- Preparation of allocation plan
- Costs of complying with federal requirements

# Why These Allocations?

- Investing in facilities and supportive services will allow us to better address underlying issues
  - Ability to serve distinct needs of the varied populations eligible for this funding
  - Building on existing service infrastructure
- Increased flexibility of HOME-ARP funds (relative to rules for regular HOME funds) leads to prioritizing normally ineligible activities, including non-congregate shelter and supportive services

# Why These Allocations?

- Obstacles to TBRA usage – including inadequate units and reluctance to rent to voucher-holders—limit the effectiveness of this assistance
- Supportive services—in addition to providing case management, counseling, and other supports—can also provide short to medium-term rental assistance (under 2 years), move-in assistance, and landlord outreach, addressing some of the limits to TBRA usage.

# Recommended Preferences

- Households belonging to the ***Homeless*** and ***At-Risk of Homelessness Qualified Populations*** will receive priority in HOME-ARP-funded programs.
- This will
  - Allow for effective and timely provision of services to these groups
  - Address the immediate needs of homeless households and provide the necessary interventions to prevent at-risk households (the group with the largest identified gap in available units) from reaching the point of homelessness.

# Recommended Referral

- Each funded program will use its own specific application process
- First-come, first-served process for qualified applicants
  - The two preference populations (Homeless and At-Risk of Homelessness) are moved to the top of the list.
- Using distinct application process ensures that all programs are -
  - In compliance with HOME-ARP regulations
  - Able to serve all HOME-ARP populations (including groups that may be excluded from existing referral processes that use other methods of prioritization)



# Next Steps

Draft plan presented to public and open for public hearing

July

Final Allocation Plan is developed and submitted to HUD

August

Within 45 days, HUD either provides authorization to allocate funds, or instructions for plan revision

September-October