



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-1882, **Agenda Item #:** 44.

5/19/2022

Posting Language

Set a public hearing to receive citizen input on the City's draft HOME American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan that will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as part of the City's application for \$11,400,000 in federal funding through a HOME-ARP grant. (Suggested date: Thursday, June 9, 2022, Austin City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701).

Lead Department

Housing and Planning Department.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

June 10, 2021 - Council adopted Resolution No. 20210610-077, which adopted the American Rescue Plan Act Spending Framework and authorized the City Manager to make the necessary allocations.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

Through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Congress appropriated \$5 billion in grant funds to address homelessness and housing instability, and to be administered through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). This one-time source of funding is referred to as HOME-ARP. The City of Austin is eligible to receive \$11,400,000 in grant funding through HOME-ARP. In order to receive this funding, the City must submit an Allocation Plan to HUD as an amendment to the City's Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Action Plan. A draft Allocation Plan is available online and in person for the public to review and provide comment until June 10, 2022.

As part of the development of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, the City is required to hold at least one public hearing to receive feedback on the possible uses of the HOME-ARP funds. The requested action is to schedule a public hearing with the Austin City Council for June 9, 2022, to receive feedback from the public on the proposed uses of the \$11,400,000 of HOME-ARP funds. The Community Development Commission also held a public hearing on HOME-ARP funds on May 10, 2022.

From May 3 to June 10, 2022, the draft Allocation Plan is available online at SpeakUpAustin.org, and in person at the following locations for the public to review and provide comment:

- Austin Central Public Library, 710 West Cesar Chavez Street (Central)
- St. John's Library Branch, 7500 Blessing Avenue (Northeast)
- Vivent Health, 7215 Cameron Road (North)
- Housing Authority of the City of Austin, 1124 South Interstate Highway 35 (South).

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.