



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 22-2107, **Agenda Item #:** 85.

6/9/2022

### **Posting Language**

Conduct a public hearing on the City's draft HOME American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan that will be submitted to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as part of the City's application for \$11,441,252 in federal funding through a HOME-ARP grant.

### **Lead Department:**

Housing and Planning Department.

### **Fiscal Note:**

This item has no fiscal impact.

### **Prior Council Action:**

May 19, 2022 - Council set a public hearing for June 9, 2022, to receive citizen input on the City's draft HOME American Rescue Plan Allocation Plan.

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:**

Rosie Truelove, Director, Housing and Planning Department, 512-974-3064; Mandy DeMayo, Deputy Director, Housing and Planning, 512-974-1091.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

Through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Congress appropriated \$5 billion to address homelessness and housing instability, in a grant referred to as the HOME American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP). The City of Austin is eligible to receive 11,441,252 through HOME-ARP, and can allocate the grant towards one or multiple of the following categories:

- Supportive Services
- Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
- Development of Affordable Rental Housing
- Non-profit Operating Expenses
- Non-profit Capacity Building
- Planning and Administration

In order to receive this funding, the City must submit a spending plan, referred to as an allocation plan, to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as an amendment to the City's Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Action Plan.

In accordance with HUD requirements, a draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is available online and in person for

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the public to review and comment on until June 10th, 2022. The plan is also available as backup to this item. The draft Allocation Plan proposes a spending plan for the grant and describes the process City staff went through to gather feedback from the community. The requested public hearing is to solicit feedback on the proposed spending plan outlined in the draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

The Homeless Strategy Division of Austin Public Health, in coordination with the Housing and Planning Department, is proposing to allocate HOME-ARP across the following activities:

- Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters - \$8,000,000 (70%)
- Development of Affordable Rental Housing - \$1,000,000 (9%)
- Supportive Services - \$725,064.20 (6%)
- Planning and Administration - \$1,716,187.80 (15%)
- Total grant amount - \$11,441,252 (100%)

See section IV: HOME-ARP Activities of the draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan for more details.

The public is invited to comment on this proposal from May 3, 2022, to June 9, 2022, in the following ways:

- Submit comments to the Public Input page at <https://publicinput.com/HOME-ARP-Draft>
- Submit by Postal Mail: Written comments may be submitted until 5:00 p.m. on June 7, 2022.  
Please include a name, address, and phone number:  
Housing and Planning Department  
Attn: City of Austin FY 2021-22 draft Action Plan  
P.O. Box 1088  
Austin, Texas 78767
- Submit by Phone: Dial 512-974-3100, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- Submit by Email: [HPD@austintexas.gov](mailto:HPD@austintexas.gov)  
Subject Heading: City of Austin FY 2022-23 draft Action Plan.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.