

HOME ARP Funding - Provider Survey

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARP") appropriated \$5 billion to communities across the U.S. to provide housing, services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations. These funds were allocated by formula to jurisdictions that qualified for funding through the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME Program) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This special round of funding is called the "HOME-ARP" program. HUD has allocated the City of Flint \$3,244,570. We are seeking your feedback on how you would like to see these funds spent in our community and inviting you to take a community survey for the development of the City's HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. This plan will determine the City of Flint's priorities for use of special one-time federal funds to address the housing needs of very specific qualifying populations (those experiencing or at risk of homelessness, those fleeing domestic violence or human trafficking, and other vulnerable populations).

Eligible activities that may be funded with HOME-ARP include:

- (1) development and support of affordable housing;
 - (2) tenant-based rental assistance;
 - (3) provision of supportive services (such as housing counseling, homelessness prevention, child care, job training, legal services, case management, moving costs, rental applications, and rent assistance);
- and
- (4) acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units.

Funds must primarily benefit individuals and households in the following qualifying populations:

- Experiencing homelessness
- At risk of homelessness
- Fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
- Other populations with high risk of housing instability (including households that are low-income and highly cost-burdened; that have moved two or more times in the last 60 days; and that are living in a hotel/motel)

The purpose of this survey is to garner feedback from stakeholders and community members on how the City of Flint should use its allocation of HOME-ARP funds. The Orange County Local Government Affordable Housing Collaborative (the group responsible for funding decisions related to the HOME Program, which is made up of one elected official from each Town plus the County) will use the feedback to help determine a process for allocating the County's HOME-ARP funds.

Definitions

Below are definitions for terms that are used frequently in relation to HOME-ARP funds.

NON-CONGREGATE SHELTER: As opposed to congregate settings, such as traditional homeless shelters, non-congregate shelter provides more private accommodations (individual rooms). During the COVID-19 pandemic, people living in congregate facilities have been at higher risk of contracting or having complications from the virus because physical distancing is difficult.

QUALIFYING POPULATIONS: For HOME-ARP funds, this means people experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, fleeing domestic violence, or otherwise at high risk of housing instability.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES: Services that help households maintain housing stability and quality of life. These may include: support with finding and applying for housing, financial assistance for moving costs, child care, legal services, mental health and substance use services, and more.

TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE: A rent subsidy to help households afford housing costs, such as rent and security deposits. "Tenant-based" means the subsidy is attached to the household, and they can use it to rent any rental unit that meets program guidelines and whose landlord is willing to accept the subsidy payment.

About You or Your Organization

Through this stakeholder consultation process, the City is seeking input from groups or organizations that work with people experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, fleeing domestic violence, or otherwise at high risk of housing instability.

What is your name? _____

What group or organization are you affiliated with?

Which type of organization(s) below best describes the group with which you are affiliated? (select as many choices as needed)

- _____ Homeless Service Provider
- _____ Domestic Violence Service Provider
- _____ Veterans' Group
- _____ Civil Rights Organization
- _____ Fair Housing Organization
- _____ Organization Serving People with Disabilities
- _____ Other Organization Addressing the Needs of Addressing the Needs of People Experiencing or At Risk of Homelessness; People Fleeing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking; or People with High Risk of Housing Instability
- Other: _____

Which qualifying population do you work with?

- _____ Homeless
 - o As defined in section 103(a) of the McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act U.S.C. 11302(a)
- _____ In other populations
 - o Where providing supportive services or assistance under section 212(a) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12742(a)) would prevent the

family's homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability

- _____ At risk of homelessness
 - o As defined in section 401(1) of the McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360(1))

- _____ Veterans and families
 - o Veteran family member must also meet one of the preceding criteria

_____ Fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, as defined by the Secretary

_____ None of the above

Questionnaire

1. What do you believe are the unmet needs or gaps in housing and/or services in the City of Flint?

2. Please rank the following needs in the City of Flint from highest priority to lowest priority. (1 = highest priority and 6 = lowest priority)

- _____ Supportive Services
 - _____ Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter(s)
 - _____ Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
 - _____ Development of Affordable Rental Housing (including rehab of existing units)
 - _____ Non-profit Operating Funding (only 5% of total funding is eligible)
 - _____ Non-profit Capacity Building (only 5% of total funding is eligible and is only for organizations that serve homeless populations)

3. Additional information you believe would be helpful in the development of the allocation plan for the HOME-ARP funding.

4. How likely are you to apply for HOME-ARP funding?

Extremely Likely

Very Likely

Neither Likely nor Unlikely

Unlikely

Very Unlikely

5. If Unlikely or Very Unlikely, please list reason(s) why not