HOME-ARP

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On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan (ARP) into law, which provides over \$1.9 trillion in relief to address the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy, public health, State and local governments, individuals, and businesses.

To address the need for homelessness assistance and supportive services, Congress appropriated \$5 billion in ARP funds to be administered through HOME to perform four activities that must primarily benefit qualifying individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or in other vulnerable populations. These activities include: (1) development of affordable rental housing, (2) tenantbased rental assistance (TBRA); (3) provision of supportive services; (4) acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units; and (5) non-profit operating and capacity building assistance.

The City of Flint was allocated \$3,244,570 in HOME-ARP funding. To receive this funding, the City has developed a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan that will become part of the City's PY2021 HUD Annual Action Plan by substantial amendment. To ensure broad input into the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan from stakeholders and the public, the City is seeking public input into its Draft Plan and providing a 15-day public comment period, and hosting a public hearing. A survey for the public is available at <u>https://www.cityofflint.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/HOME-ARP-Information-and-Survey-blank.docx.pdf</u>. The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 5:30 pm in the City of Flint Dome Auditorium, 1101 S. Saginaw St., Flint, MI 48502. This meeting is an opportunity for the public to provide input in person on the Draft City of Flint HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

The 15-day public comment period for the City of Flint HOME-American Rescue Plan (ARP) Allocation Plan will begin March 3, 2023 and last until March 18, 2023. During this time, copies of the City of Flint HOME-ARP Allocation Plan will be made available for review at the following locations:

- City of Flint Planning and Development Department, CED Division, 1101 S. Saginaw Street, South Building, Flint, MI 48502, Hours 9-5 M-F
- City of Flint Clerk's Office, 1101 S. Saginaw Street, Flint, MI 48502
- Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission, Room 111, 1101 Beach Street, Flint, Michigan 48502. Hours 8:00AM to 5:00PM Monday through Friday
- City of Flint Website: <u>https://www.cityofflint.com/community-economic-development/</u>
- Flint Public Library, 1026 E. Kearsley Street, Flint, MI 48503
- Flint Housing Commission main office, 3820 Richfield Rd., Flint, MI 48506

The public may send comments or completed surveys by email to: <u>communitydevelopment@cityofflint.com</u> or deliver to the City of Flint Planning and Development Department, CED Division, 1101 S. Saginaw Street, Flint, MI 48502, attention Suzanne Wilcox.

The City of Flint will furnish reasonable auxiliary aids to disabled or non-English speaking residents upon 48 hours' notice. Those requesting such services should contact Suzanne Wilcox by phone (810) 766-7426 x 3001.