

American Rescue Plan (ARP) HOME Funding

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Background

- Allocated through the American Rescue Plan Act in May 2021, intended to stabilize homeless populations
- Oregon has received approximately \$33 million, includes 15% admin cap
- Resources must be fully expended by September 2030
- Other HOME PJs in Oregon will receive an additional combined \$32 million

Eligible Funding Beneficiaries

- homeless;
- at-risk of homelessness;
- fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking;
- other populations where providing assistance would prevent the family's homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability; and
- veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meet one of the preceding criteria.



Eligible Funding Uses

- production or preservation of affordable homeownership and rental housing as allowed by current HOME program regulations;
- tenant-based rental assistance;
- supportive services, including homeless prevention services and housing counseling; and,
- the purchase or development of non-congregate shelter for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.



HOME ARP Allocation Plan

Prior to committing any resources, HUD requires submission and approval of a HOME ARP Allocation Plan that includes:

- Gaps Analysis and Needs Assessment
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Determination of Funding Priorities
- 15-day public comment period



Stakeholder Engagement

As required by HUD, OHCS is in the process of engaging with Continuum of Care organizations, homeless service providers, domestic violence providers, Public Housing Authorities, and entities that address civil rights and fair housing. OHCS will be reaching out to culturally specific providers and Tribes to have conversations about building capacity to serve their communities with HOME ARP resources. OHCS will provide stakeholders several ways to provide input and feedback into the HOME ARP Allocation Plan:

- **Input Survey:** Survey emailed to identified stakeholders to solicit input on funding priorities
- **Input meetings:** Approximately 6 online meetings convened with stakeholder groups to solicit input on funding priorities and potential program design. These will include Community Action Agencies, affordable housing providers, homeless service providers, providers of PSH housing, and several industry groups.
- **Feedback Meeting:** Share summary of input received and present the draft Allocation Plan for feedback
- **Public Comment Period:** As required by HUD, the draft HOME ARP Allocation Plan will be posted online for a 15-day public comment period.



HOME ARP Funding Priorities

Recent internal OHCS discussions about potential uses for HOME ARP funds have emphasized the need to create additional permanently supportive housing units as well as the capacity to develop these units in rural communities.

- This acknowledges the approximately \$200 Million received by OHCS in the 2022 Legislative Session as well as significant amounts of federal stimulus dollars as being available resources to support rent assistance, homeless services, and non-congregate shelter.
- Additionally, the one-time nature of the HOME ARP resources do not lend themselves as well to standing up new programs for rent assistance and services.



Next Steps and Timelines

- Stakeholder survey and PSU Gaps Analysis/Needs Assessment will be posted on the OHCS HOME ARP website: **May**
- Coordinated stakeholder engagement: **May and June 2022**
- Final public meeting to share draft Allocation Plan: **early June 2022**
- Two-week public comment period: **mid June 2022**
- Anticipated HUD approval of HOME ARP Allocation Plan: **early August 2022**

Thank You

