

Florida Housing Finance Corporation

Public Hearing to Discuss Florida's HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Agenda

Registration for Workshop is required. Registration information is available at

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Welcome

Introductions

Purpose of Workshop

Florida Housing Finance Corporation is the state recipient for the federal HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). This public hearing is to review written comments provided regarding the HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan and solicit any new comments to be read into public record.

Overview of HOME-ARP

In March 2021 Congress passed and the President signed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP), a federal economic stimulus bill, into law. The ARP provided \$5 billion in federal HOME funding, of which \$71.9 million dollars was allocated to the state of Florida. Florida Housing, as the administrator of HOME funding, will manage this special ARP funding.

In mid-September HUD released Notice CPD-21-10 which provided guidance outlining the requirements for the use of funds in the HOME-ARP program. This guidance identified qualifying populations, instructions for completing the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, eligible uses and activities under the HOME-ARP program, and other federal requirements. HOME-ARP funding is intended to provide homelessness assistance and supportive services through four activities:

1. Development and support of affordable housing, as currently permitted under the HOME program;
2. Tenant-based rental assistance;
3. Supportive services, including activities such as transitional housing, housing counseling, and homeless prevention services; and/or
4. Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units, which may be converted to permanent affordable housing, used as emergency shelter, or remain as non-congregate shelter units.

Additionally, HUD identified “qualifying populations” to be served through HOME-ARP funding. Any individual or family who meets the criteria for these populations is eligible to receive assistance or services funded through HOME-ARP without meeting additional criteria (e.g., additional income criteria). These “qualifying populations” include the following high level categories: 1) Homeless; 2) At risk of Homelessness; 3) Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking; and 4) Other Populations, including Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness and Households at Greatest Risk of Housing Instability.

Requirements of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

The CPD-21-10 Notice identifies the following as required components of a participating jurisdiction’s HOME-ARP Allocation Plan:

- A summary of the consultation process and results of upfront consultation;
- A summary of comments received through the public participation process and a summary of any comments or recommendations not accepted and the reasons why;
- A description of HOME-ARP qualifying populations within the jurisdiction;
- An assessment of unmet needs of each qualifying population;
- An assessment of gaps in housing and shelter inventory, homeless assistance and services, and homelessness prevention service delivery system;
- A summary of the planned use of HOME-ARP funds for eligible activities based on the unmet needs of the qualifying populations;
- An estimate of the number of housing units for qualifying populations the participating jurisdiction will produce or preserve with its HOME-ARP allocation; and
- A description of any preferences for individuals and families in a particular qualifying population or a segment of a qualifying population.

Summary of Written Feedback Provided

Additional Comments

Next Steps

Finalize HOME-ARP Allocation Plan (make recommendation to Board)	January 21, 2022
Submit Substantial Amendment to 2021 Annual Action Plan to HUD for Approval	January/February 2022