HOME-ARP (American Rescue Plan)

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) appropriated \$5 billion to provide housing, services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations. These funds were allocated by formula to participating jurisdictions (PJ) 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.

Lake County, Ohio (the County) was awarded \$1,631,830 in HOME-ARP funds. This one-time funding creates a significant opportunity for the County to meet the housing and service needs of our community's most vulnerable. The County must create a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan (the Plan) that will address the needs of the Qualifying Population (QP) through the eligible activities and submit it to HUD no later than March 31, 2023. Throughout development of the Plan, the County will use a survey instrument and follow up consultations with agencies and organizations whose clientele includes the QP to identify unmet needs and gaps in housing or service delivery systems. Public Participation will be encouraged through a survey instrument and at least one public hearing. The public may attend and/or provide comments about the development and content of the plan. See survey links and preferred response due dates below. Survey will remain open but analysis must begin by 2.16.23

Stakeholder Survey https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FVDNBZR

Public Survey English https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J397Q7B

HOME-ARP Encuesta Pública https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZZ5S9FT Public Survey Spanish

Public Hearing scheduled for February 23, 2023 1:00 PM at the Lake County Administration Center, 105 Main Street, Building A, 5th floor.

QUALIFYING POPULATION - Vulnerable populations to be served:

- Persons/households experiencing homelessness (24 CFR 91.5 "Homeless" (1), (2), or (3))
- At risk of homelessness (as defined in 24 CFR 91.5 "At risk of homelessness")
- Fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, (as defined in 24 CFR 5.2003)
- Other populations with high risk of housing instability (refer to Notice <u>Final HOME-ARP Implementation Notice</u> (hud.gov) refer to (IV. A. 4 (1) (2) (i-ii A-G)
- Veterans and Families that include a Veteran Family Member that meet the criteria for one of the qualifying populations described above are eligible to receive HOME-ARP assistance.

QUALIFYING ACTIVITIES - Activities supported by HOME-ARP funding:

- Preservation and Production of affordable rental housing
- Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters (NCS) (not dormitory style)
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
- Housing Related Supportive Services: In Notice (VI. D. 4 C.i. A-S) (Child care assistance; Education services; Employment assistance and job training; Food; Housing search and counseling services; Legal Services; Life training skills; Mental health services; Outpatient health services; Outreach services; Substance abuse treatment services; Transportation; Case Management; Mediation; Credit repair; Landlord/Tenant liaison; Financial assistance costs; Short-term and medium-term financial assistance for rent)

HUD has developed support material to help jurisdictions and the public gain a better understanding of this new program at www.HUDexchange.info/programs/home-arp

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