

Amended HOME-ARRP Allocation Plan

EXCERPT FROM PRESENTATION FOR HCD PUBLIC HEARING

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MAIN STREET STATION, THE SQUARE



HOME Investment Partnerships – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP)

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 the Department of Housing and Community Development (HUD) via 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 can include:

- development and support of affordable housing
- tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA)
- provision of supportive services; and
- acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units.

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HOME-ARP defines qualifying individuals or families as those that are:

- homeless, as defined in section 103(a) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 11302(a)) (“McKinney-Vento”);
 - at risk of homelessness, as defined in section 401 of McKinney-Vento;
 - fleeing, or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking;
 - part of other populations where providing supportive services or assistance would prevent a family’s homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability; or
- Veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meets the criteria in one of the four (4) above is also a qualifying individual or family.

Proposed Changes

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Preference

Proposed change

“As amended, the City of Richmond will ensure that housing created using HOME-ARP funds will be open to all four (4) qualifying populations, but preference will be given to individuals experiencing homelessness, as prioritized through the Greater Richmond Continuum of Care’s (GRCoC) Coordinated Entry (CE) system. No qualifying population will be excluded from eligibility.”

Preferences establish the order in which applicants are admitted to HOME-ARP activities and projects. This means that all qualifying applicants will have access, but individuals experiencing homelessness as prioritized through the GRCoC’s CE system will be moved to the front of the line.

The City of Richmond’s original HOME-ARP Allocation Plan did not indicate a preference.



Method of Prioritization Proposed change

“As amended, the City of Richmond intends to use CE to address priority needs identified in the plan. The CE process provides a transparent, comprehensive prioritization and matching of housing resources with community needs. Prioritization is based on the length of homelessness, disabling conditions, and vulnerability as documented through assessments, HMIS records, and outreach and homeless services staff observations and documentation. Once prioritized, referrals to housing units are made after verification of client eligibility for the program and the client’s expressed interest in the housing placement.”

Method of prioritization is the process by which the GRCoC’s CE will determine how eligible qualifying population applicants, that qualify for the same preference, are selected and ordered for the HOME-ARP activity or project.

The City of Richmond’s original HOME-ARP Allocation Plan did not indicate a method of prioritization.

Method of Prioritization Continued

Proposed change

“The City of Richmond’s HOME-ARP funded projects will receive referrals from the GRCoC’s CE process and the regional Housing Resource Line, ensuring referral coverage for all four (4) qualifying populations. Referrals from the GRCoC’s CE process, as described above, will be prioritized, with the characteristics of the specific funded project and the client’s choice and interest in the available unit considered.”

In implementation, the HOME-ARP funded project(s) will maintain a list of all qualifying eligible applicants that are referred and apply. When a unit becomes available, the HOME-ARP funded project will check with the GRCoC’s CE Point of Contact to see if there is anyone from the preference group, as prioritized by the GRCoC, that may be interested in the unit. If so, they move to the top of the HOME-ARP funded project’s list for consideration for the unit. If not, the HOME-ARP funded project goes with the first person on their list.

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Data Error Corrections

Changes highlighted in yellow

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OPTIONAL Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

	Current Inventory				Homeless				Gap Analysis			
	Family # of Beds	Adult Only # of Beds	Yets # of Beds	Family # of Beds	Adult # of Beds	Victims # of Beds	Family # of Beds	Adult Only # of Beds	Current Gap	Homeless	Victims	Current Gap
Emergency Shelter	256	84	193	193	0							
Transitional Housing	33	3	69	69	65							
Permanent Supportive Housing	349	111	693	693	2							
Other Permanent Housing	9	2	86	86	14							
Sheltered Homeless (Under-tent Homeless)					85	353	63	43				
Current gap					0	65	7	6			0	0
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Suggested Data Sources: 1. 2022 point in time count (PH); 2. 2022 Continuum of Care Housing Inventory count (PH); 3. Consultation

OPTIONAL Housing Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

	Non-Homeless		Level of Need		Gap Analysis	
	Current Inventory # of Units	# of Households	# of Households	# of Households	# of Households	# of Households
Total Rental Units	54,998					
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At Risk of Homelessness)	11,686					
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	24,642					
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At Risk of Homelessness)				13,150		
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)				7,690		
Current Gaps						2,164

Suggested Data Sources: 1. 2017-2021 American Community Survey (ACS); 2. 2015-2019 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS)



Questions and Feedback

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