

Community Development Division HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Draft City Council Presentation

Monday, Apr 11, 2022 Catherine Duarte, AICP Senior Analyst, Community Development Division

Today's agenda

- **1**. What is HOME-ARP and an allocation plan?
 - Regulatory framework + requirements
- 2. What do HOME-ARP funds cover?
 - Expected outcomes
- **3.** Allocation plan highlights
 - How it was made
 - How it will be implemented
- **4**. Timeline
- 5. Questions

What is HOME-ARP?

One-time special allocation to address homelessness through capital funding and other forms of assistance

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of March 2021

- \$1.9T to combat the economic and public health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic
 - \$5B went to homelessness assistance via U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
 - These grant funds will be administered through HUD's <u>HOME</u> <u>Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)</u> and are differentiated from regular funding as HOME-ARP.
 - These are **NOT** from City's general ARPA award for municipalities

HOME-ARP Purpose

Reduce homelessness and **increase housing stability** across the country by providing housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter.

Colorado Springs HOME-ARP Award = \$5.7 million

What is the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan?

What are the City's responsibilities?

HUD requirements for plan submittal

- HOME-ARP funds are tied to jurisdiction's 2021 Annual Action Plan
- Conduct public participation to build plan to spend HOME-ARP funds
- Build plan using local data and suggested template
- Local approval of plan
- Timely submittal

HOME-ARP Funding Scope Expected Outcomes

Eligible activities

- Production or Preservation of Affordable Housing
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
- Supportive Services, Homeless Prevention Services, and Housing Counseling
- Purchase and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter
- Administration

Eligible beneficiaries

AKA Qualifying Populations (QP)

- Homeless (both HUD and McKinney-Vento definitions)
- At risk of homelessness
- Victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking
- Other populations at risk of housing instability
 - Very low-income
- Veterans who fall under any of these categories

More affordable housing inventory + More paths out of homelessness

Allocation Plan Highlights

Robust consultation and public participation process

Collaborative Effort

•Over three months of dialogue and data sharing

•42 organizations

•Over 60 individuals

•Five consultation meetings

•Subject matter experts on homelessness services, housing development, youth and family services, legal services, veteran issues, etc.

•Public notice of public comment period via Gazette, CDD website, social media, and email newsletter

•Two virtual public hearings to maximize accessibility to service providers and general public

Allocation Plan Highlights

PSH scores

• Half of all people on CE

Housing type utilization

 Permanent housing in higher demand than shelter

Affordable housing gap defined

• 16,855 is the magic #

Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis

Table 3: Gap Analysis for Residents At Risk of Homelessness and Housing Instability

	Current Inventory	Level of Need	Gap Analysis
	# of Units	# of Households	# of Units Needed
Total MF rental units (5 units+)	56,368		
Includes LIHTC projects and other subsidized units			
Estimated # of all 1-4 unit rentals	16,413		
Total # rental units	72,781		
Colorado Springs Housing Authority owned and managed units and conventional public housing	1,519		
Rental units affordable to households at 30% AMI and below	2,037		
Rental units affordable to households between 31% and 50% AMI	10,066		
Estimate of non-subsidized affordable 1- to 4-unit rentals (assumption of 20%)	3,283		
Total # affordable rental units	16,905		
0%-30% AMI renter households with 1 or more severe housing problems		18,020	
30%-50% AMI renter households with 1 or more severe housing problems		15,740	
Total # of very low-income households (50% AMI and below)		33,760	
Current Gap			16,855

Table 3 Data Source: CHAS (2014-2018), ACS (2019), CSHA Q4 2021 report. *Refers to all multifamily rental units in buildings with 5 or more units. Single family rentals and 2-4plex units are estimated in the number of NOAH rentals.

The City of Colorado Springs is proposing the following activities with its HOME-ARP allocation:

Table 8: Proposed HOME-ARP allocation

	Funding Amount	Grant Percentage	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$287,099	5%	
Acquisition and Development of Non-	\$1,148,396	20%	
Congregate Shelter			
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$287,099	5%	
Development of Affordable Rental	\$2,870,989	50%	
Housing			
Nonprofit Operating	\$0	0%	5%
Nonprofit Capacity Building	\$287,099	5%	5%
Administration and Planning	\$861,296	15%	15%
Total HOME-ARP Allocation	\$5,741,978	100%	

Table 10: Housing Units Created or Supported with HOME-ARP Funds

	Funding Amount	Units
		Created/Supported
Acquisition and Development of Non-	\$1,148,396*	150
Congregate Shelter		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$287,099	20
Development of Affordable Rental	\$2,870,989*	300
Housing		
Admin, capacity-building, supportive	\$1,435,495	n/a
services		
Total HOME-ARP Allocation + Units	\$5,741,978	470

*Denotes assumption that HOME-ARP will provide 3% of project financing at current industry standard of \$300,000/unit

Allocation Plan Highlights

Budget and activities!

- Focus is on construction
- 50% permanent housing
- 20% non-congregant shelter

No preference populations

Proposed timeline

2021

December

• Consultation begins

2022

January-February

- Data and narrative from stakeholders
- PPCoC HOME Committee reviews and makes recommendations
- Draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan drafted

March

- Draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan presented to PPCoC Governing Board and sent to all stakeholders from consultation
- Draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan posted for public review

April

- City Council reviews HOME-ARP allocation plan (April 11)
- Public comment period (April 13-28)
- Virtual public hearings (April 19 and 20)
- City Council approves HOME-ARP plan (Apr 26)
- HOME-ARP plan submitted to HUD

Summer 2022 - 2030

- Competitive applications, awards, agreements
- Project execution and reporting

2030

September 30

• All HOME-ARP funds must be spent.

Thank you!

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