



**City of Columbus**  
**HOME-ARP**  
**Notice of Funding Availability**  
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**&**  
**Request for Proposals**



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# City of Columbus HOME ARP Notice of Funding Availability

## Program Overview

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) provides \$5 billion to assist individuals or households who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations, by providing housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter, to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability across the country. These grant funds will be administered through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). The HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP) funds were allocated using the HOME Program formula. The city of Columbus was allocated \$3,574,055 in HOME ARP funding.

The objective of the HOME-ARP Program is to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability for qualifying populations and low-income households (those at or below 80% area median income). **Available Funding**

The city of Columbus was allocated \$3,574,055 in HOME ARP funding. \$3,037,947 is available for eligible projects.

## Application Period

Proposals will be accepted between August 10 2022, through September 6, 2022.

## Request For Proposals

The City of Columbus is requesting proposals for projects that align with the HOMEARP Final Rule (CPD -21-10), which outlines the requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-ARP Program.

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At minimum the proposals should include the following:

- Project Type
- Project Description: Please provide a thorough description of the project to include populations served, project design, needs of the population and projected quantifiable outcomes.
- Project Address
- Is this a New Construction Project?
- Proof Of Ownership or Long-term Lease (if applicable)
- Does Recommended property require rehabilitation, if so, include cost estimate and scope of work (if applicable)?
- What firm financial commitments are being provided for this project? Please provide proof of funding via commitment letters and balance sheets.
- Does your agency have experience with the project in which you are applying?
- Has your agency administered any of the activities outlined in your proposal? Discuss experience with the project to include number of people served and outcomes to include the following:
  - Earned income increases
  - Reduction in household cost burden
  - Provision of supportive or wrap around services
  - Housing Characteristics (if applicable)
  - Neighborhood Conditions (if applicable)
  - Please provide information regarding nearby local resources and services within a reasonable proximity of the project that will be a benefit to the individual or household. At minimum, these benefits should include the following:
- Education
- Community Resources
- Local Services

## **Eligible Activities**

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HOME-ARP funds can be used for four eligible activities.

- Production or Preservation of Affordable Housing (New Construction, Acquisition, Rental or Rehabilitation of housing units)
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) (payments to make up the difference between the amount a household can afford to pay for housing and the local rent standards and other costs to include security and utility deposits)
- Supportive Services, including services defined at 24 CFR 578.53(e), homeless prevention services, and housing counseling
- Purchase and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter. These structures can remain in use as a non-congregate shelter or can be converted to:
  - emergency shelter under the Emergency Solutions Grant program;
  - permanent housing under the Continuum of Care; or
  - affordable housing under the HOME Program (Includes locations where each individual or household has living space that offers some level of privacy such as hotels, motels, or dormitories)

While Tenant Based Rental Assistance, and operating support or capacity building for non-profits undertaking HOME-ARP activities are eligible projects, they are not program priorities as identified in the needs assessment conducted by the Community Reinvestment Department.

## **Eligible Populations**

HOME-ARP funds must be used to primarily benefit individuals or families from the following qualifying populations:

- Homeless, as defined in section 103(a) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302(a));
- At-risk of homelessness, as defined in section 401(1) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360(1));

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- Fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, as defined by the Secretary;
  - In other populations where providing supportive services or assistance under section 212(a) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12742(a)) would prevent the family's homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability;
  - Veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meets one of the preceding criteria.