



**Community Investment for Families Department
Third Substantial Amendment to the
47th Program Year (2021-22) Housing and Community Development Consolidated Annual Plan
(47-03)**

Proposed Programming of Funds for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program – American Rescue Plan
And Changes to a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic
Security Act (CARES Act) Project

Purpose

In accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations (found under 24 CFR Parts 91.105 and 91.505), and the City's Citizen Participation Plan, the City of Los Angeles is required to provide citizens with an opportunity to comment on all proposed Substantial Amendments to its Housing and Community Development Consolidated Annual Plan (Con Plan). The City wishes to notify the public of a substantial amendment to its 47th Program Year (PY 47) 2021-22 Con Plan.

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 authorizes an expedited public comment period for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program one-time supplemental ARP grant funding (HOME-ARP), and the public will have at least 15 days to review and comment, beginning about January 12, 2022 and ending January 28, 2022.

The CARES Act authorizes an expedited public comment period for the substantial amendment that addresses the one-time supplemental CARES Act grant funding, and the public will have at least five days to review and comment, in accordance with a federal waiver requested April 7, 2020 and effective April 9, 2020. The public comment period will begin about January 12, 2022 and end January 28, 2022.

HOME-ARP Background

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 was signed into law on March 11, 2021, which included supplemental funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) to support the prevention and reduction of homelessness, which was exacerbated nationwide as a result of the economic decline brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. The City of Los Angeles was awarded \$99,891,031.

The funds can be used for four main activities:

1. Development and support of affordable housing
2. Tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA)
3. Provision of supportive services
4. Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units

The activities must be targeted to the following populations:

1. Homeless persons and families, according to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act definition (https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/HAAA_HEARTH.PDF)
2. Those at-risk of homelessness (McKinney-Vento definition)
3. Those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual violence, stalking, or human trafficking
4. "Other populations" where supportive services or assistance would prevent the person or family from becoming homeless or serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability
5. Veterans and families that include a veteran that meet one of the above criteria

Proposed HOME-ARP Programs and Allocations

In line with the above federal guidance, the City of Los Angeles proposes the following four programs.

Project Homekey Match \$60,000,000

This program will assist in the acquisition, rehabilitation, and operation of 750+ permanent supportive housing units. The funds will assist with: due diligence and closing costs, life and safety upgrades, accessibility upgrades, and capitalizing rental subsidies to leverage State-matched rental subsidies. It is estimated that over 750 households experiencing homelessness or chronic homelessness will be able to obtain permanent supportive housing within 90 days from completion of rehabilitation. Project Homekey was initiated by funding from the State, and the federal HOME-ARP funds will serve as a match to the State funding. Supportive housing units include wrap-around services to residents by community-based organizations that address reducing barriers to maintaining housing that residents may experience.

Affordable Housing Managed Pipeline (AHMP) \$20,000,000

The goal of the AHMP is to produce at least 250 supportive housing units each year, with at least 50% of units for extremely low-income, very low-income, chronically homeless, and special needs households, and the remaining units for low-income households, according to HUD's definitions. The HOME-ARP funds will leverage other resources to support ongoing program operations of financing the construction of new affordable housing units.

Eviction Defense Program \$10,000,000

The City has provided eviction prevention and eviction defense services through the provision of legal services, rental assistance and supportive services for tenant stability for low-income households. This program will help reduce the number of evictions in Los Angeles, minimize illegal violations by property owners, and promote long-term housing stability for vulnerable residents. The funding will be used for outreach and public awareness, pre-eviction and on-going legal assistance, rental assistance, support services for tenant stability, and data collection and evaluation. It is estimated that 100,000 households will be reached through outreach and public awareness, and an additional 2,000-4,000 households will receive legal assistance for eviction prevention and defense.

Emergency Needs Fund \$7,000,000

This fund will help pay costs that include, but are not limited to: rent and utility costs, unexpected car repairs, child care, food, credit repair, and other emergency needs that are not otherwise provided to the household with other federal funds. It is estimated that 1,200 households at risk of homelessness will be served.

Administration \$2,891,031

The staff of the Community Investment for Families Department (CIFD) and Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) will oversee and administer the HOME-ARP programs, and may also support other City departments performing administrative activities. Funds may also provide equipment necessary for the implementation of the programs.

CDBG CARES Act Pallet Shelter Project –Change to the Locations

A prior notice was issued on September 2, 2020, that provided information on this project. Part of the LA City-County Homeless Roadmap Agreement to provide temporary housing for homeless individuals, pallet shelters are temporary, insulated housing solutions set up to house individuals who are currently homeless and affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The previous locations were seven sites in Council Districts 2, 3, 13, and 15 with up to 700 beds. Due to increasing construction costs, the project is currently three sites in Council Districts 1, 6, and 14, with up to 517 beds.

Public Comments

The public comment period on the proposed programming is from about January 12, 2022 to January 28, 2022.

Please submit questions or comments as follows:

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