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**AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET**

**DEPARTMENT:** Community Services

**CM/ DCM/ ACM:** Frank Dixon, Assistant City Manager

**DATE:** November 17, 2022

**SUBJECT**

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the City of Denton HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

**BACKGROUND**

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.

*HOME-ARP Funding*

To address the need for homelessness assistance and supportive services, Congress appropriated \$5 billion in ARP funds to be administered through 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 include:

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

ARP requires that funds be used to primarily benefit individuals and families in the following specified “qualifying populations.”

- (1) Experiencing Literal Homelessness
- (2) At Risk of Homelessness
- (3) Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence
- (4) Other Populations

Additional details regarding eligible activities and qualifying populations are included in HOME-ARP Notice CPD-21-10 (Exhibit 3). In September of 2021, the City of Denton received notice of a HOME Investment Partnerships – America Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) allocation in the amount of \$1,763,622.

During the September meeting of the Community Services Advisory Committee, committee members [provided direction](#) to allocate HOME-ARP funding for Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) and Supportive Services.

During the October meeting, staff provided an updated on the estimated timeline for the City of Denton’s HOME-ARP Allocation Planning process. The committee requested to review a draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan at the November meeting prior to release for public comment.

## **DISCUSSION**

Staff prepared a draft of the City of Denton's HOME-ARP Allocation Plan (Exhibit 2). The plan follows the required template. The plan includes a needs assessment and gaps analysis, proposed use and allocation of funding and details regarding a preference for a single qualifying population (people experiencing literal homelessness).

Staff is seeking direction regarding the draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. A tentative timeline for plan approval and funding administration is included below:

- 11/17 – Committee Review Draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan
- 11/27 – 12/14 – Public Comment Period for Draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan
- 12/13 – Public Hearing at City Council
- 1/10 – Council consider HOME-ARP Allocation Plan for Approval
- 1/11 – Submit HOME-ARP Allocation Plan to HUD
- 1/11 – Release Notice of Funding Opportunity for TBRA and Supportive Services.
- 1/25 – HOME-ARP Applications Due
- 2/9 – Committee Review HOME-ARP Applications and Make Recommendations
- 3/7 – City Council Consider Approval of HOME-ARP Subrecipient Agreements

## **EXHIBITS**

Exhibit 1 – Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 – Draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

Exhibit 3 – HOME-ARP Notice CPD-21-10

Respectfully submitted:  
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