

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE October 22, 2021

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Upcoming Office of Homeless Solutions AGENDA ITEM #19 – HOME Investment Partnerships Program (“HOME”) American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) Grant Funds**

City Council Agenda Item #19 is scheduled for approval on the October 27, 2021 City Council agenda. This item will authorize preliminary adoption of Substantial Amendment No. 2 to the FY 2021-22 Action Plan for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (“HOME”) American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) Grant Funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) for the Homelessness Assistance and Supportive Services (“HASS”) Program in the amount of \$21,376,123.00. This item will also authorize a public hearing to be held on December 8, 2021, to receive comments on the proposed use of funds.

The HOME-ARPA HASS Program provides funding for activities to benefit individuals or families who are homeless; at risk of homelessness; fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; in populations where providing supportive services or assistance would prevent homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability; or veterans and families that include a veteran family member who falls within one of these groups.

HOME funds are typically administered through the Department of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization; however, because the HOME-ARPA Grant Funds serves homeless and at-risk populations, the Office of Homeless Solutions (“OHS”) will take the lead on the management and administration of activities funded with HOME-ARPA funds.

Eligible activities under the HOME-ARPA HASS Program include:

- Tenant based rental assistance
- Development and support of affordable rental housing
- Supportive services
- Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units
- Administration and planning (up to 15%)
- Payment of operating expenses and/or capacity building for community housing development organizations (CHDOs) or other nonprofit organizations.

Based on immediate needs in the community to house persons experiencing homelessness (particularly unsheltered persons) as quickly as possible, and based on feedback received

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through OHS strategy sessions held between May - August 2021, OHS is proposing the following HOME-ARPA budget allocations for City Council approval on October 27:

Eligible Activity	Proposed Budget
Tenant Based Rental Assistance	\$10,135,085.00
Development and Support of Affordable Rental Housing	\$0.00
Supportive Services	\$7,476,195.00
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter	\$589,861.00
Administration and Planning	\$3,174,982.00
Nonprofit Operating Assistance	\$0.00
Nonprofit Capacity Building	\$0.00
Total – HOME-ARPA Allocation	\$21,376,123.00

Following preliminary adoption on October 27, 2021, the proposed HOME ARPA budget will be made available for public review and comment on or about October 28, 2021 through December 7, 2021. A summary of the Substantial Amendment No. 2 to the FY 2021-22 Action Plan for the HOME-ARPA Grant Funds will be published in the Dallas Morning News on or about November 10, 2021, to provide citizens an opportunity to submit written comments. The public hearing will be scheduled for December 8, 2021, followed by final adoption.

The agenda item was not included on the October 24, 2021 Housing and Homelessness Solutions Committee meeting agenda; therefore, this memo serves as a briefing memo for committee members.

Should you have any questions or need additional information at this time, please contact me or Christine Crossley, Director of Homeless Solutions at 972-358-1850 or via email at christine.crossley@dallascityhall.com.



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