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Updates to the HOME Investment Partnerships Program – American Rescue Plan Programs (47th Program Year 2021-22 Housing & Community Development Consolidated Annual Plan)

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 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 December 15, 2022 and ending January 3, 2023.

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

Since the previous notice in January 2022, the program information is updated. In line with the above federal guidance, the City of Los Angeles proposes the following programs.

Permanent Affordable & Supportive Housing \$78,119,965

These units will assist in the acquisition, rehabilitation, and operation of 1,178 permanent affordable and supportive housing units. The funds will support the following: due diligence and closing costs, life and safety upgrades, accessibility upgrades, and capitalizing rental subsidies to leverage State-matched rental subsidies. Units produced as part of the HOME ARP grant will prioritize all of the qualifying populations, this includes: chronically homeless households, households at-risk of homelessness, those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual violence, stalking, or human trafficking, and “other populations” where supportive services or assistance would prevent the household from becoming homeless or those with the greatest risk of housing instability.

Eviction Defense Program \$10,200,000

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 continue and be expanded to the above-named target populations. Services 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 \$8,440,000

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, those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual violence, stalking, or human trafficking, and “other populations” where supportive services or assistance would prevent the person or family from becoming homeless or those with the greatest risk of housing instability will be served.

Administration \$3,131,066

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.

Public Comments

The public comment period on the proposed programming is from about December 15, 2022 and ending January 3, 2023.

This notice will be posted on the following web address:

<https://communityinvestmentforfamilies.org/consolidated-plan-changes-plans>

Please submit questions or comments as follows:

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