

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

APPENDIX A | HOME-ARP Survey



HOME-ARP Survey

HOME-ARP Funding Needs Survey

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You are being asked to participate in this survey to help the City identify the best use of HOME-ARP funds to address eligible needs within our community.

What are the most important needs to address in your neighborhood? Select up to 5 items. (You can select more than 5 items if you wish.)

- Affordable housing
- Economic development
- Transportation (e.g. bus, bike, etc.)
- Arts and cultural activities
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- 1 - Not at all
- 2 - Somewhat
- 3 - Neutral
- 4 - Somewhat important
- 5 - Very important

2. How often do you use social media for work-related purposes? (Frequency scale)

- 1 - Never
- 2 - Rarely
- 3 - Sometimes
- 4 - Often
- 5 - Always

3. How satisfied are you with your current work environment? (5-point Likert scale)

- 1 - Very Dissatisfied
- 2 - Dissatisfied
- 3 - Neutral
- 4 - Satisfied
- 5 - Very Satisfied

4. How often do you use mobile devices for work-related tasks? (Frequency scale)

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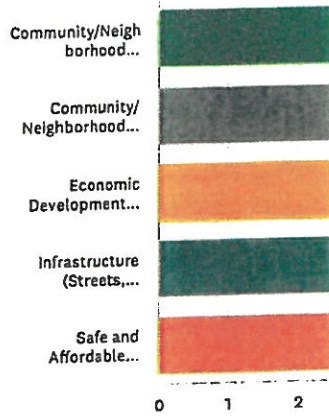


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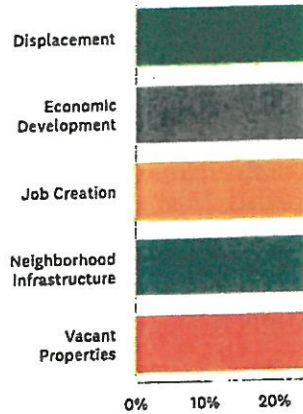
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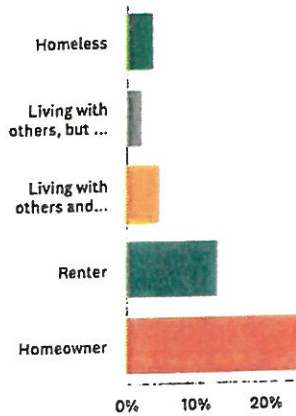
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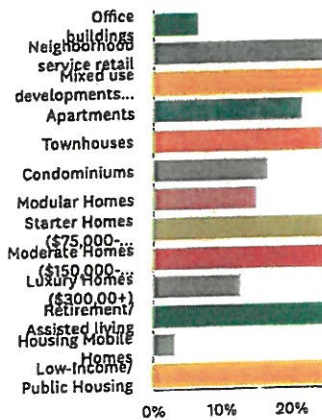
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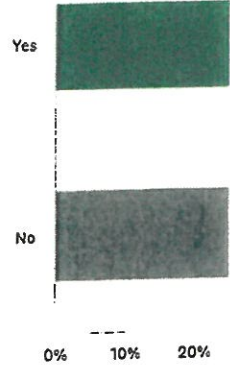
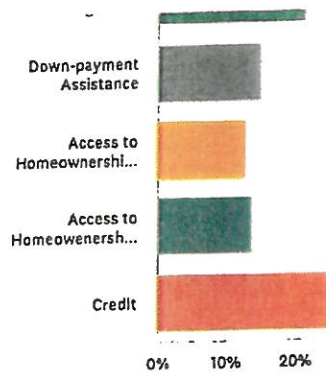
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APPENDIX B | Virtual Public Hearing



Appendix B | Summary of Comments and Recommendations in Public Participation Process

Comment #1: How soon will funds be available? If you have a project that currently has HOME funds tied to it and is in the development phase, can ARPA Home funds be added to the project if you have a shortfall.

Response: Requirements will be in place for a minimum of 15 years. Irrespective of the amount of HOME funds invested.

Comment #2: “I assume that if there was a building that was, that was acquired; that that building would have to have uh, individual housing units within it. It would be considered non congregate in your definition.”

Response: Yes, this facility will have individual sleeping quarters that have more privacy than your normal shelter that may include open space.

Comment #3: “I have another question so yeah and again, I, I just love the idea of something like this being done. So, um, so, if, uh, if there is a proposal made, can that proposal can it be inclusive of a case management component? The proposal would basically address the housing part of it which is literally housing people and then secondly, a case management piece that would basically be utilized to sort of work people through something that will make things more sustainable. In other words, some of that would be somewhat transitional, if you will meaning that particular person will have an opportunity to address whatever those issues are that may have led them to homelessness. And so the housing would be somewhat transitional, but it’s because they have somewhat of a case management component that helps them. So something more holistic, housing and also any type of program to help the people.”

Response: Yes, that is definitely something that we would be looking to receive once we are accepting proposals. That is our focus. We want to be able to identify opportunities for housing and supportive services to prevent homelessness. We have to make sure that everyone is focusing on the qualifying population when proposals are being developed and submitted.

Comment #4: “Is constructing homes one of the eligible expenses?”

Response: The construction of affordable rental housing is eligible.”

Comment #5: “This is not a domain to home ownership, just rental, right?”

Response: Yes, rental because the focus is getting the qualifying populations into stable housing, and many of these individuals may not be ready for homeownership, just yet. Of course, we still



have our regular home allocation funding that does include the development of single family detach home ownership.

Comment #6: “Let’s say that there is the construction of a, uh, unit, or let’s say, that is the multi housing facility and the cost of that is actually constructed now, speaking to what the metrics would be, as it relates to, what the costs or the rent would need to be to basically make up for what was spent to deal. Is the rent to be subsidized for someone who now this is a person that’s not necessarily homeless but a person that may be in danger or in between housing and so which means that this person has an income, but probably not an income that at this point you know would be able to you know, handle a rent that was, you know, there was there was higher than normal. So would there be an ability for a person who actually remodel, build, or something like that to have subsidy for people who”

Response: Yes, so the subsidy can be for the construction as well as for the rent to make sure that housing is deeply affordable so that they can pay the rent. The rent may not exceed 30% of the annual income of a family whose income equals 50% of the median income for the areas, so okay, so it’s a little different. I know you’re used to working with the HOME program too. So the written limits are a little different than the HOME program.

Comment #7: Will there be a time limit if we were providing rental units for a group, that, uh, group would be able to participate in this program? What is the timetable of that? Because that will become important, uh, for, um, as it relates to funds, spent to bring these particular units. To know whether that’s something that is feasible for an organization would be, how long the program actually plans and at what point will that cost now be shifted to so, let’s say myself, as the property owner. So, how long is the program?

Response: So that is a good question. I don’t have that answer for you directly. I can get it for you. I know Adrienne is also on the line. If she can be unmuted she maybe can respond.

Response II: Typically, we do have affordability periods that are associated with the HOME program. Whether that is 10, 15, or 20 years that’s typically with any development that we do, so I would just need to confirm that. That’s definitely a good question.

Comment #8: “Good evening, I’m Chris Retain from Alethia House, and we’ve been a grateful partner with the City on several projects. We’ve go about 240 units of affordable housing and, uh, mostly in the city. And what we know is, is that the folks who have the most difficulty getting housed are people who are living on social security disability, and so, um, we would encourage you to look at a model that is used in many other cities, which is to use a single room occupancy base. That would be affordable to, um, tenants who, uh, only receive Social Security disability income. I do think you need to, you know, we’ve tried doing things in communities



and I'll be very honest, I think you're going to need to either the new construction or commercial building that gets renovated. I don't think it's going to be well suited to be integrated into a ..."

Response: Thank you sir, we will definitely consider that. That's definitely a very creative approach. So, appreciate that feedback.

Comment # 9: "I am also grateful to be here. Awesome to have the opportunity to be on this feedback meeting and very informative. So, I had a couple questions about restrictions or requirements, and I was wondering if there were any restrictions or requirements you guys have currently, or may have in the future that are geographical? As in association with the population or demographics that you guys, um, you know, that the identifies."

Response: Yes, so the restriction geographically is definitely to be within the city limits of Birmingham. We are open to allocating this funding across all of our neighborhoods where there is appropriate opportunity.

Comment #10: "So that means that means that geographically in terms of, like, any zones or anything that within the city or districts there aren't any or neighborhoods that already that have been pre included or designated, it won't be included or anything like that."

Response: No, sir.

Comment #11: "Do you guys currently have any ideas of things that you're being away from? Do you guys have any areas you're leaning towards where there was new construction or renovation or supportive services, or any different areas that have already been identified, you're looking to stay away from? A couple of organizations that we have been in contact with have been working on, or proposals for steel, construction home, modular manufacturer, steel construction homes. To cut down on construction costs and delivering different things like that. So, anything in terms of type of construction or unit type, are there any restrictions outside of the lean towards not congregate housing?"

Response: "Yeah, so there's, there's no restriction on whether it's new construction or the type of build, if you're looking to do something like that. So it's pretty broad in that sense. And there's also no restrictions on the location, as I mentioned earlier, we are definitely looking into the support of housing. Definitely affordable housing or housing that serves homeless population that has a supportive service component wrapped into it." We are taking "suggestions at this point, I think once we kind of get feedback from all of our partners, stakeholders, and citizens, and then we'll try to drill in and become a little bit more granular."



Comment #12: “Is any of this funding are you guys open to any of the spending being allocated, um, on projects that they already have partial funding, or maybe a part of a social impact bond or a payment for success project.”

Response: So, they may already have some private funding. Yeah, So these, funds can be layered. This fund can be utilized to provide subsidy.

Comment #13: “How soon will funds be available to expend? If you have a project that currently has home bonds tied to it, and it is in the development phase, can HOME funds be added to the project?”

Response: “Yes, so we have to look at the project of course it’s not a project that could have already started construction, but we have to vet that project and do underwriting, but this will be once we develop our allocation plan, which we’re working to do now.”

Comment #14: “Any objectives that the City has that they are trying to meet with these funds. As you think through it, are there key things you want to make sure it happens with these funds? As it relate to helping or dealing with the homeless, we know that that’s what it’s for, but are there any objectives that the City may have that they said that we’ve always wanted to do something with the homeless and this is one of those things? Are there anything that we should try to accomplish?”

Response: Multi family affordable units, because we do have a shortage in those across the city, so early in the presentation, you saw the goal of at least 800 more units. The current multi family housing stock is aging. As well, I say, there’s a shortage of those units. So we do want to increase that. We do want to look at opportunities for transition. Families are finding themselves in need of housing temporarily, as they work through various self sufficiency programs to be able to grow. So we do want to look at those opportunities, as well.

Comment #15: One of the big projects is that centralized location for services for those wraparound services in order for individuals to maintain throughout their journey. So as we think about that, so the services being in a centralized place, uh, but necessarily does the housing need to be in a centralized place?

Response: We definitely want to explore that opportunity. We’re not necessarily looking to create a mass concentration.



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Comment #16: “So the funds can be used for both physical construction, but also payment for supportive services.”

Response: Yes, that is correct. The funding can be used for actually to support the actual physical construction or rehabilitation of a project. It can be used for gap funding as well, a subsidy for the physical construction project as well as funding to support organizations, providing services.

Comment #17: “How can the Shower of Love Project and TLC become a part of these efforts? Is a mobile shower service and related services eligible?”

Response: “Yes, so as I stated earlier right now we’re in a consultation phase and so right now we want to hear feedback on some of the needs expressed in the community for this funding, but this summer, we hope to have a RFP process out where our local agencies and organizations can submit a proposal to apply for funding. So, at that time, you’ll be able to share with us more concerning your proposed efforts.”

Comment #18: Are homeowners who are at risk for foreclosure, eligible for direct financial assistance?”

Response: So that could be something that we can explore. It would not be a program that will be administered through the City of Birmingham.



CoC Feedback

These are presented just as the group of People with Lived Experience (PLE's) presented them:

Project 1: Birmingham needs a joint Safe Sleeping Area and Day Center/ One Stop Center.

- *Safe Sleeping Area: This could include space for people living in their cars, people living in tents, and/or Tiny Shelters. This is not to be designed as a permanent home (not an RV Park), but as the name suggests, should be a safe place for unsheltered people to get quality rest so that they have the ability to then access services including various housing options. There are many iterations of this idea, and the PLE-CPC is not wed to one idea; their only requirements are safety and attached services.*
- *Day Center/ One Stop Center: As with a safe sleeping area, there are many iterations of this idea, but the PLE-CPC has a few "absolutes." The Center must be staffed primarily with PLE's. It must be safe. It must offer food that is known to be prepared and distributed safely (and healthy would be a plus!); showers; laundry; a place to receive mail; ID assistance; a place to charge electronics; job assistance that includes computers and computer assistance; SUPPORT GROUPS...not just the normal AA and NA groups...the PLE-CPC is insistent that Peer Support Groups run by and featuring PLE's are mandatory; a place to relax and plan; and on a rotating basis services such as medical, dental, mental health and other (these might be offered monthly or bi-weekly). Note that this project should be designed for the unhoused population. This is not meant to be a program for people already in shelters or transitional programs.*

Project 2: Peer Outreach and Support Team

Birmingham needs a much larger Street Outreach Team than we have, and 100% of the expanded team members should be PLE's. This team of five (number is negotiable) persons will develop housing focused relationships with those on the streets who are currently most resistant to services. These staff members will be mentors/ buddies/ sponsors to and for those who are unsheltered. Some of these team members will be people with prison/ felony/ lengthy incarceration histories. They will be examples of success, will hold hands, encourage, push....and will walk an unsheltered person through the process of getting housed. This team will also work as support after housing to help provide a sense of community and to assist that newly housed person to get connected to community. The reasoning is that a person living on the streets has a community of peers, and when they are housed, they lose that community. We must help them replace that supportive community. This team must work as either a part of the current Street Outreach team or work hand-in-hand so that there is no duplication of services, so that the most vulnerable are identified, and to produce the best housing outcomes possible. It shouldn't have to be said that this team must be paid equitably.

Project 3: Mental Health Street Team

The PLE-CPC would prefer to have a team that includes a specially-trained police officer, a highly trained mental health professional (Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner at least), a mental health social worker, and one to two PLE's. However, after discussion



of current policing needs in Birmingham, they feel that the police member is an ultimate goal, but probably not feasible at this time and that we do not need to wait until that “perfect” is possible. Therefore, a team that includes the mental health professional, the mental health social worker, and the one or two PLE’s is their goal with this proposal. This team will work non-traditional hours and this team will NOT sit behind a desk! This team will be on the streets addressing the mental health issues where they are. This team should be able to address the lack of mental health medications readily available to those who are unsheltered. This team must work in a highly collaborative manner with SUD groups, the existing and newly proposed Outreach teams, the Continuum, the existing medical and mental health community, and all community stakeholders.

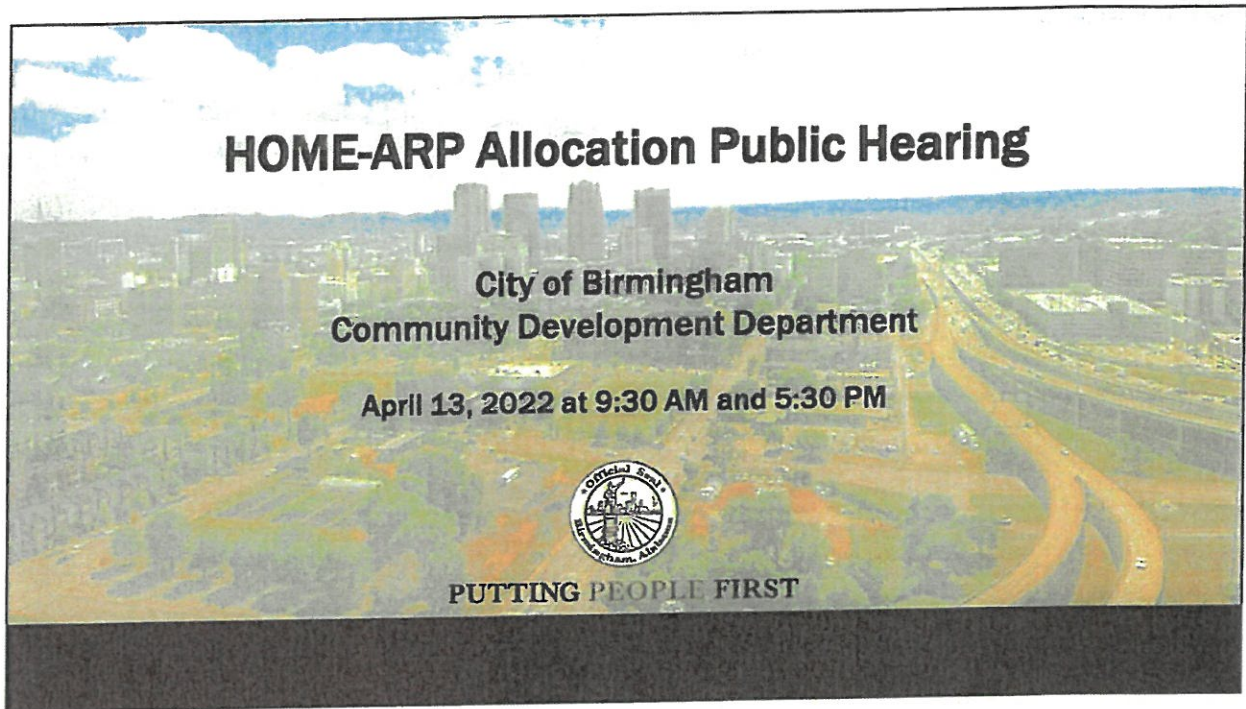
Project 4: Medical Respite Unit

The PLE-CPC and other focus group participants are very concerned about the circle of unsheltered persons going from the streets to the hospital and back to the streets. This Planning Process recommends that a medical respite unit could address this issue. It is important to note that this is NOT a nursing home situation and there would have to be strict guidelines on who would be admitted to a Medical Respite Unit. This is an excellent opportunity for SYSTEMS savings and collaborations. We know that treating unsheltered people is exceedingly expensive for hospitals and EMT’s/ the Fire Department so both service and financial collaborations are strongly encouraged to benefit those institutions and the people they serve.

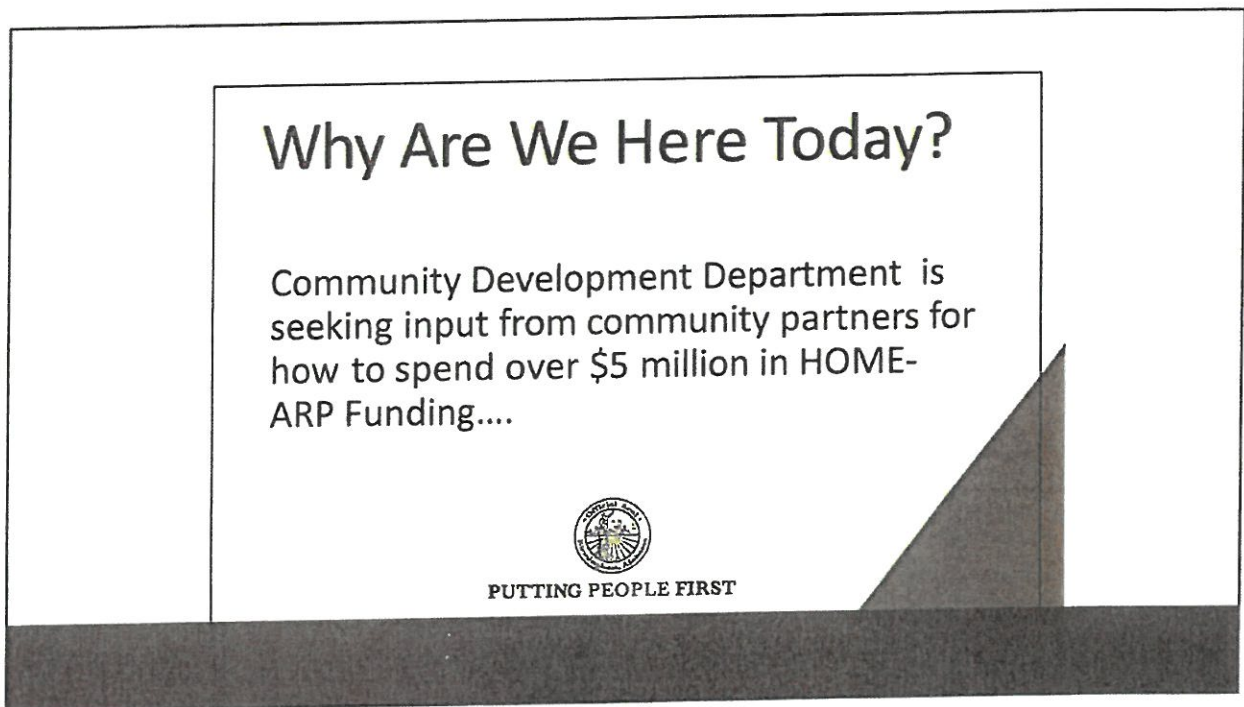
Also identified during this process were a few items that are constant barriers to housing: companion animals. Shelters aren’t equipped and people on the streets aren’t leaving their lifelines. The CoC lead agency has sponsored a few attendees to an upcoming Homeless Persons and Pets Conference in hopes of learning some potential solutions.

People are discharged from prison without resources. Prison Reform is bigger than the City of Birmingham, but the need for it contributes heavily to homelessness in this City.





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What is House America?

It's a federal *initiative* to utilize federal recovery funding to address homelessness through a Housing First approach

- House at least 100,000 households experiencing homelessness
- Add at least 20,000 new units of affordable housing to the national pipeline by Sept. 30, 2022.




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Re-house households experiencing homelessness through a Housing First approach




Add new units of affordable housing into the development pipeline

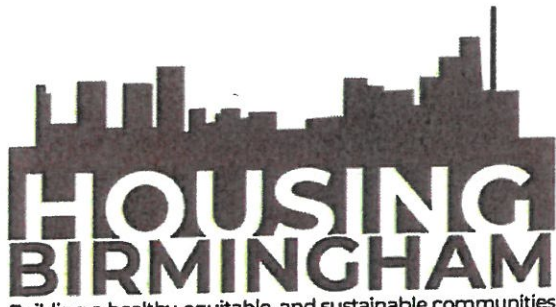
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Birmingham's Commitment

House at least 450 residents experiencing homelessness and support 800 units of affordable housing



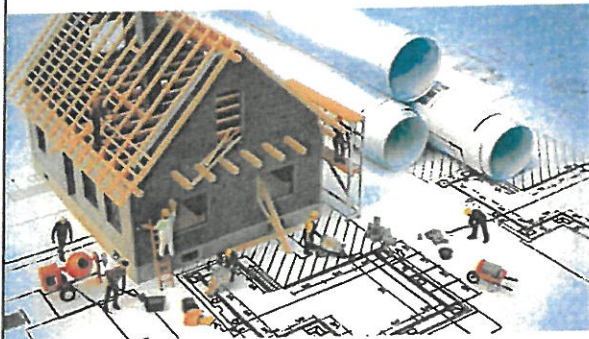
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Building a healthy, equitable, and sustainable communities

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HOME Investment Partnerships Program

- Awarded annually as formula grants to states and localities (Participating Jurisdictions (PJs))
- Can fund a wide range of activities:
 - Building, buying, and/or rehabilitating affordable housing for rent or homeownership
 - Providing direct rental assistance to low-income people.



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<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/home/>

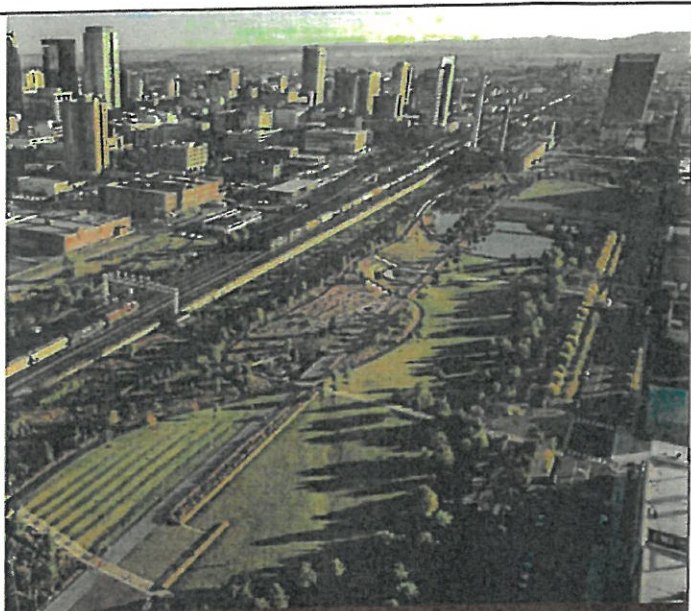
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American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021

- Signed into law on March 11, 2021
- COVID-19 pandemic relief



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HOME + ARP = HOME-ARP

- Congress appropriated \$5 billion in ARP funds to be administered through the HOME Investment Partnership Program ("HOME")
- City of Birmingham was allocated over \$5 million
- Eligible activities must *primarily* benefit qualifying populations
- Funds must be spent by Sept. 30, 2030



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Eligible Activities

- Production or preservation of affordable rental housing
- Tenant-based rental assistance
- Supportive services, homeless prevention services and housing counseling
- Purchase and development of non-congregate shelter

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Qualifying Populations

- 1) Homeless
- 2) At-risk of homelessness
- 3) Fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
- 4) Other populations:
 - Other families requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness, and
 - at greatest risk of housing instability



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Ideas



Use HOME-ARP funds to:

- Provide additional subsidy so that units serve households at deeper affordability levels
- Acquire properties to create more units that are affordable to households earning at or below 30% AMI
- Direct acquisition & property conversion for non – congregate shelter opportunities or supportive services

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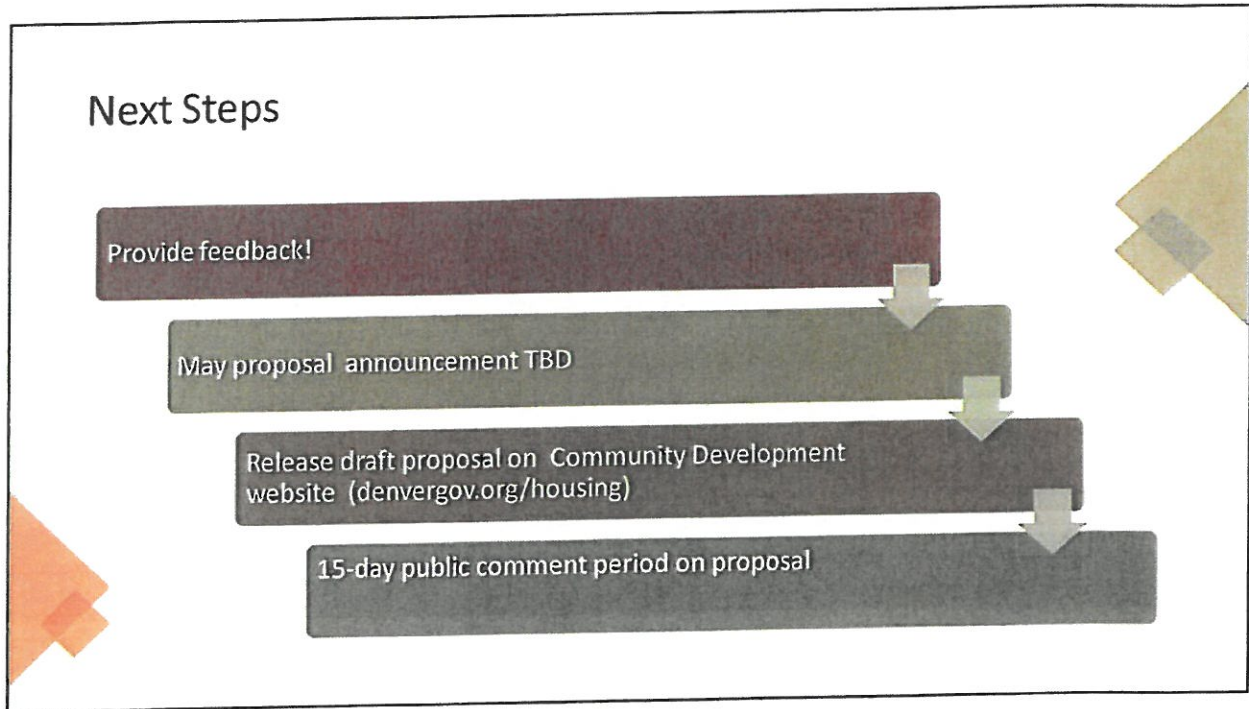
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or email: housingandcommunityInfo@birminghamal.gov with the subject "HOME-ARP input."

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Feedback on the HOME-ARP Priorities

- Verbal: at any of the Action Plan Public Hearings
- Via Email: housingandcommunityinfo@birminghamal.gov
- In writing to:
 - Community Development
 - Attn: Dr. Meghan Veneble Thomas
 - 710 North 20th Street, Room 1000
Birmingham, AL 35203
- For more information visit <https://www.birminghamal.gov/community-development>.

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The City of Birmingham, Alabama, hereinafter referred to as "the City", will conduct two (2) virtual public hearings on Wednesday, April 13th at 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. The link to participate via video conference will be made available on the City's website-Community Development Department webpage at: www.birminghamal.gov/community-development.

In accordance with 24 CFR 91.105(c)(2) of the federal regulations relative to citizen participation for Community Planning and Development Programs, City of Birmingham is making an amendment to the Program Year 2021 Annual Action Plan to receive the HOME-ARP funds. The Program Year 2021 Annual Action Plan is a component of the Program Year 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan will be developed after giving consideration to surveys and to citizen comments received at the meetings conducted by the City's Community Development Department on April 13th at 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Persons needing special assistance (such as translated materials or a draft copy of the report) or a reasonable accommodation to provide comments, please contact the City of Birmingham at housingandcommunityinfo@birminghamal.gov or Ms. LaReisha Higginbottom at (205) 254-2309. Please include, "HOME-ARP Request", in the e-mail subject line.

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NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

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The purpose of HOME-ARP funds is to coordinate effective neighborhood and community development strategies that benefit qualifying populations and be used for specific activities not necessarily normally permitted under the HOME Program. The HOME-ARP funds will be allocated to benefit the following qualifying populations:

- Homeless
- At-risk of homelessness
- Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking
- Other populations where providing supportive services or assistance would prevent the family's homelessness or would serve those at greater risk of homelessness
- Veterans and families that include a veteran that meets one of the preceding criteria.

Potential projects include but are not limited to the following: increasing the availability of affordable housing, housing counseling, Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), preventing homelessness and increasing access to quality public and private facilities. These projects must primarily benefit low and moderate-income persons and communities.

The initial Public Hearings for the HOME-ARP allocation plan took place virtually on April 13, 2022, and April 22, 2022. Transcripts and recordings of the public hearings are available upon request.

The HOME-ARP Action Plan will be developed after considering citizen comments received at the Public Hearings conducted virtually by the City's Community Development Department on April 13, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., April 13, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., and April 22, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., and from the timely receipt of written comments received in the Community Development Department within the comment period.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The City of Birmingham, Alabama, hereinafter referred to as "the City", is seeking public comments and involvement. All comments and meeting requests will be accepted during the public comment period. A 16-day public comment period will commence beginning Wednesday, May 8, 2024, until Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.

In accordance with 24 CFR 91.105(c)(2) of the federal regulations relative to citizen participation for Community Planning and Development Programs, City of Birmingham is making an amendment to the Program Year 2022 Annual Action Plan to receive the HOME-ARP funds. The Program Year 2022 Annual Action Plan is a component of the Program Year 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan will be developed after giving consideration to surveys and to citizen comments.

Comments should be submitted to the attention of:

LaReisha Higginbottom, Project Manager

HOME-ARP Request

Community Development Department

710 20th Street North

Room 1000 - City Hall

Birmingham, Alabama 35203

Lareisha.higginbottom@birminghamal.gov

(205) 254-2309

Comments may be mailed, phoned, or emailed to the Community Development contact listed above.

Persons needing special assistance (such as translated materials or a draft copy of the report) or a reasonable accommodation to provide comments, please contact the City of Birmingham at housingandcommunityinfo@birminghamal.gov or Ms. LaReisha Higginbottom at (205) 254-2309. Please include, "HOME-ARP Request", in the e-mail subject line.

Ala.Ms.- May 8, 2024

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HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

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HOME-ARP CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing pursuant to 24 CFR 5.151 and 5.152.

Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan --It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements contained in the HOME-ARP Notice, including the revised one-for-one replacement requirements. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42, which incorporates the requirements of the HOME-ARP Notice. It will follow its residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the HOME-ARP program.

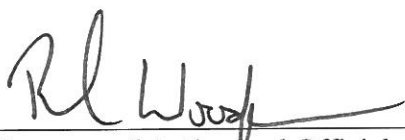
Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

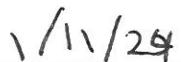
Authority of Jurisdiction --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations and program requirements.

Section 3 --It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.

HOME-ARP Certification --It will use HOME-ARP funds consistent with Section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2) and the CPD Notice: *Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program*, as may be amended by HUD, for eligible activities and costs, including the HOME-ARP Notice requirements that activities are consistent with its accepted HOME-ARP allocation plan and that HOME-ARP funds will not be used for prohibited activities or costs, as described in the HOME-ARP Notice.



Signature of Authorized Official



Date



Title

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:

- Preapplication
- Application
- Changed/Corrected Application

* 2. Type of Application:

- New
- Continuation
- Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received:

01/11/2024

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name:

City of Birmingham

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

63-6001201

* c. UEI:

E6FCXGL5FC43

d. Address:

* Street1:

710 20th Street North

Street2:

* City:

Birmingham

County/Parish:

* State:

AL: Alabama

Province:

* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code:

35203-2216

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Division Name:

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:

Mr.

* First Name:

Randall

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Woodfin

Suffix:

Title:

Organizational Affiliation:

* Telephone Number:

205-254-2309

Fax Number:

* Email:

randall.woodfin@birminghamal.gov

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*** 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

*** 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

CFDA Title:

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

14.239

* Title:

HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP)

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

Add Attachment

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*** 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant

* b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

* b. End Date:

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="5,074,139.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="5,074,139.00"/>

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on
- b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**

Yes No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)**

** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Suffix:

* Title:

* Telephone Number: Fax Number:

* Email:

* Signature of Authorized Representative: 

* Date Signed: