



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE City Commission Agenda Memo REGULAR MEETING

- TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
- **FROM**: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager
- **DATE**: May 17, 2022
- TITLE: Public Hearing Evaluating All Comments Received, and Approving an Amendment to the 2021-2022 Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plan to Add the Allocation Plan for the HOME Investment Partnerships, American Rescue Act (HOME-ARP) (Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission convene a public hearing to evaluate comments received on the proposed allocation plan for HOME-ARP and approve an amendment to the 2021-2022 Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plan to add the approved HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

Background

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act was signed into law (P.L. 117-2). Under the mentioned law, funds were appropriated for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) to provide assistance and supportive services to individuals experiencing homelessness. Under P. L. 117-2 HOME-ARP, funds must be used primarily to benefit qualifying individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of becoming homeless or in other vulnerable populations. Eligible activities include: (1) development and support of affordable housing, (2) tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA), (3) homeless supportive services; and (4) acquisition and development of noncongregate shelter units.

The U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded the City \$2,589,019. Staff convened public planning meetings and administered a survey to non-profit organizations & stakeholders to identify areas of greatest need. Based on the feedback from meeting participants and survey respondents, staff proposes the following allocation:

Eligible Activities	Funding Amount	Percent of Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 100,000.00		
Acquisition and Development of NonCongregate Shelters	\$750,000.00		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance	\$ 150,000.00		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 1,071,215.00		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 129,450.95	5%	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 388,352.85	15%	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$ 2,589,019.00		

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item is a 2022 Top Commission Priority, advancing the Homelessness and Housing Opportunities Initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Neighborhood Enhancement Focus Area
- Goal 4: Build a thriving and inclusive community of neighborhoods.
- Objective: Ensure a range of affordable housing options

This item advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan; We Are Community.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – HOME -ARP Agreement Exhibit 2 – HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Exhibit 3 – Public Hearing Notice

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