



HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME) AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

The City of Tempe is expected to receive an estimated allocation of \$2,269,99 in HOME-ARP Program funds through the Maricopa HOME Consortium for FY 2021. HOME-ARP funds was created to assist qualifying populations including individuals or households who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations, by providing housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter, to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability across the country. These grant funds will be administered through HUD's HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME).

HOME-ARP funds can be used for the following eligible activities:

- Administration and Planning • HOME-ARP Rental Housing
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
- Supportive Services, Homeless Prevention Services, and Housing Counseling
- Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter
- Nonprofit Operating and Capacity Building Assistance

The requirements for the use of funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program states that funds must be used to primarily benefit the qualifying populations through four eligible activities. The city will make funds available for activities once the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan's associated consultation, public participation process and HUD approval process have been completed through the substantial amendment of the FY 2021 annual action plan for the purposes of the HOME-ARP program.

For additional information on this NOFA and HOME-ARP program, please contact 480/350-8950 or visit our website at <https://www.tempe.gov/government/human-services/housing-services/public-notices-and-plans>

Sí usted desea interpretación de esta noticia en Español, por favor llame y deje mensaje para 480/350-8950 (TDD: 480/350-8913).





**Maricopa HOME Consortium HOME-ARP Plan
Community Contributions Template**

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Funding & Process

Maricopa County was informed by HUD that the total Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 HOME Investment Partnerships Program – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) allocation is \$16,756,617. The funding is required to be spent by September 2030. Below is the allocation plan, as approved by HOME Consortium.

Jurisdiction	Funding for Qualifying Activities	Funding for Program Administration	Total HOME-ARP Allocation
Avondale	\$ 813,665	\$ 71,794	\$ 885,459
Chandler	\$ 1,578,385	\$ 139,269	\$ 1,717,654
Gilbert	\$ 1,079,653	\$ 95,264	\$ 1,174,917
Glendale	\$ 2,643,586	\$ 233,258	\$ 2,876,844
Maricopa County*	\$ 4,000,793	\$ 1,607,756	\$ 5,610,549
Scottsdale	\$ 1,325,171	\$ 116,927	\$ 1,442,098
Surprise	\$ 715,982	\$ 63,175	\$ 779,157
Tempe	\$ 2,085,890	\$ 184,049	\$ 2,269,939
Total	\$ 14,243,125	\$ 2,513,492	\$ 16,756,617

*Maricopa County includes Peoria’s allocation.

Requirements

To receive its HOME-ARP allocation from HUD, a PJ (or HOME Consortium) must:

- Engage in consultation with at least the required organizations;
- Provide for public participation including a 15-day public comment period and one public hearing, at a minimum; and,
- Develop a plan that meets the requirements in the HOME-ARP Notice.
 - To submit the Plan, a PJ must upload a Microsoft Word or PDF version of the plan in IDIS as well as the required Certification forms.

In order to fulfill this requirement as a Consortium, the responsibilities for the HOME-ARP Plan are:

- HOME Consortium members (excluding Peoria) are responsible for:
 - Undertaking the required needs assessment and data gathering to support the need for the activities they propose to undertake.
 - Submitting the HOME-ARP Plan information to Maricopa County.
 - If a jurisdiction needs to complete local public participation and/or consultation at the local level, particularly when completing their needs and gap analysis, they are encouraged to do so and document those efforts.
- Maricopa County, as the HOME-ARP lead agency, is responsible for:
 - Collecting community contributions to the plan.
 - Inserting all contributions provided into the appropriate HOME-ARP Plan sections. Due to limits, info submitted may need to be summarized, combined, or edited for submission.
 - Ensuring the required consultation to regional entities, one public hearing, and the 15-day public comment period are undertaken.
 - Uploading the Final Plan and HOME-ARP Certifications in IDIS and submitting to HUD.

Instructions

- **Complete Word and Excel documents and submit no later than Tues., February 1, 2022 at 5PM.**
- Narrative responses should be limited to 1-2 paragraphs maximum per question.
- Submit this document, and any future updates (in track changes or highlighted), in Word format to Carissa Cyr Carissa.Cyr@maricopa.gov and Regina Marette Regina.Marette@maricopa.gov.

HOME Consortium 2021 Annual Action Plan Update to add HOME-ARP Plan Coordinated Planning Schedule	
Activity	Due Date
HOME Consortium Meeting - Discussion of HOME-ARP Allocations	10/21/21
Final Decision of Pooling VS Individual Allocation Due to Maricopa County	11/10/21
HOME Consortium Vote on Allocation Plan	11/18/21
Members Determine Specific Activity Types to Include in Plan	2/1/22
HOME-ARP Plan Contributions Due to Maricopa County (non-pooled Members)	2/1/22
Public Comment Period (Start Date)	2/11/22
Public Hearing at HOME Consortium Meeting – Comments on Draft	2/17/22
Public Comment Period (End Date)	2/28/22
Board of Supervisors Approval	March 2022
Maricopa County to Submit 2021 AAP Amendment for HOME-ARP to HUD	April 2022

Consultation

Maricopa County would like to include all consultation related to HOME-ARP funds within the HOME-ARP Plan. Please include any efforts made in your jurisdiction for HOME-ARP activities.

1. Brief narrative to summarize the consultation process:

Tempe partners with non-profit organizations in the delivery of its CDBG, HOME and ESG annual allocation. Several were consulted during the development of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. These agencies were consulted due to their relevant knowledge on the needs, service gaps that would best benefit the qualified populations eligible for this funding.

2. In the table below, list the organizations consulted, and summarize any feedback received (especially include any of the following (minimum HUD requirements for HOME-ARP)):

- CoC serving the jurisdiction's geographic area,
- Homeless and domestic violence service providers,
- Veterans' groups,
- PHAs,
- Public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations, and
- Public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities.

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
Tempe Housing Authority	Housing Agency	In-person	Identified supportive services as the highest priority, permanent supportive housing, affordable rental housing, and case management.
Tempe Coalition for Affordable Housing	Non-profit Agency for Affordable Housing	In-person	Identified affordable rental housing and supportive services as high priorities
Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG)	Continuum of Care	Phone call	Identified affordable rental housing, permanent supportive housing, and supportive services.
A New Leaf	Non-profit Agency /Homeless Shelter, Domestic Violence, Housing, Employment services, supportive services	Phone call	Identified affordable rental housing, permanent supportive housing, and supportive services.

Citizen Participation

Narrative to summarize the public participation process including:

- **Public comment period start and end dates,**
- **Brief summary of comments received at public hearing, and**
- **Describe any efforts to broaden public participation.**

Tempe will hold two public hearings on 2/10/22 and 3/3/22 to invite the public and community partners to comment on the HOME-ARP Plan. Tempe made the notice of funding available in our website to request input from the public and community partners for the development of the plan. The comment period for this plan will start on 3/14/22 through 3/29/22. In efforts to broaden public participation legal notices were placed on the Arizona Republic and city’s website to promote participation in the public hearings and public comment period.

Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis

Complete the following section based on the Activity Type(s) and Qualifying Population(s) that your jurisdiction is proposing to serve with HOME-ARP funds.

HUD Requirement for this Section: The jurisdiction must evaluate the size and demographic composition of qualifying populations within its boundaries and assess the unmet needs of those populations. In addition, a jurisdiction must identify any gaps within its current shelter and housing inventory as well as the service delivery system. A jurisdiction should use current data, including point in time count, housing inventory count, or other data available through CoCs, and consultations with service providers to quantify the individuals and families in the qualifying populations and their need for additional housing, shelter, or services.

1. Describe the size and demographic composition of qualifying populations within the jurisdiction's boundaries:

Multiple data sources were used to complete the needs assessment and gap analysis sections of this plan. They include the 2020 Census; American Community Survey (ACS); Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data sets from 2011-2015 and 2014-2018; the 2020 Point-in-Time Count for homeless individuals; the local Continuum of Care's Housing Inventory Count (HIC); and direct consultation with community partners and stakeholder.

According to the most recent Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy. (CHAS) data from 2014-2018, there are 22,085 renter households with 0-50% AMI living in Tempe of those renters, 20,655, or about 94%, are experiencing 1 or more housing problems; 21,445, or 97%, are cost burdened.

2. Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations, including but not limited to:

- Sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations
- Those currently housed populations at risk of homelessness;
- Other families requiring services or housing assistance or to prevent homelessness; and,
- Those at greatest risk of housing instability or in unstable housing situations:

The 2020 Point-in-Time Count reports that 396 individuals in Tempe were experiencing homelessness at the time the survey was administered. In addition, the unsheltered count of homeless persons in the East Valley has increased from 736 to 944. From 2017 to 2020 the East Valley, unsheltered homelessness increased by 129%. These factors increase the risk of homelessness for the households described; furthermore, households experiencing rent and mortgage cost burdens may have difficulty affording other necessities critical for basic quality of life, including food, clothing, childcare, and transportation.

3. Identify and consider the current resources available to assist qualifying populations, including congregate and non-congregate shelter units, supportive services, TBRA, and affordable and permanent supportive rental housing:

Tempe has the following grants and resources available for to assist qualifying populations:

- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG),
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG),
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA),
- Tempe Housing Authority (Section 8) and,
- Non-congregate shelter units (50 units).

4. Identify any gaps within the current shelter and housing inventory as well as the service delivery system:

According to the 2014-2018 CHAS data, there is a total of 70,980 housing inventory in Tempe a gap of 42,395 affordable housing units for households earning less than fifty percent of area median income (AMI). It is expected that the true gap is higher based on increased demand for housing. . The gaps identified through this HOME-ARP plan development process remain consistent with what was identified through the community participation process of the City's Consolidated Planning efforts of the number of unmet needs. This includes shortages of emergency shelter and transitional housing beds, long term affordable housing, permanent supportive rental housing, as well as the expansion of case management and supportive services.

5. Identify the characteristics of housing associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness if the jurisdiction will include such conditions in its definition of "other populations" as established in the HOME-ARP Notice:

Tempe will not adopt a definition of "other populations"

6. Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

The gaps in services and program needs to provide affordable rental housing and supportive services were determined using data from multiple sources as well as personal consultation with community providers. For homeless populations, priority needs include homeless prevention and supportive services to achieve housing stability. For low-income households and households at risk of homelessness, priority needs include increased homeless prevention, tenant-based rental assistance coupled with supportive services to help achieve housing stability. In terms of supportive services, general needs for all types of qualifying populations include transportation to meet basic needs, such as food, and childcare, education services, employment assistance and job training, housing search and

counseling services, legal services, life skills training, outpatient health services. The Continuum of Care also noted a need for more resources to treat mental health issues and substance abuse.

7. Explain how the level of need and gaps in its shelter and housing inventory and service delivery systems based on the data presented in the plan were determined:

The data was obtained during the Tempe's Five-Year Consolidated Plan through the surveys and focus groups for the city's current needs of the community. In consultation with local service providers and stakeholders.

HOME-ARP Activities

Complete the following section based on the Activity Type(s) and Qualifying Population(s) that your jurisdiction is proposing to serve with HOME-ARP funds.

1. Describe the method for soliciting applications for funding and/or selecting developers, service providers, subrecipients and/or contractors and whether the jurisdiction will administer eligible activities directly:

Tempe expects to administer programs directly. If a program is outside the capacity of City staff, the City will conduct a Request for Proposal similar to its existing process for CDBG, ESG and HOME allocations. This process will be open to all qualified non-profit service providers.

2. Describe how the characteristics of the shelter and housing inventory, service delivery system, and the needs identified in the gap analysis provided a rationale for the plan to fund eligible activities:

Supported services was identified as one of the top priorities during the HOME-ARP consultations. Families or individuals who receive assistance to mitigate homelessness require wrap-around services with their housing because of the compounding challenges they face. The City will provide supportive services to help eligible participants assisted in their TBRA, no congregate shelter units, homeless prevention, and rapid rehousing programs to help achieve self-sufficiency and housing stability.

3. Complete the Contributions table in Excel to indicate the amount of HOME-ARP funding that is planned for each eligible HOME-ARP activity type and corresponding qualifying populations.

HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals

	Funding Amount	Percent of Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$2,085,890		
Acquisition & Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$0		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$0		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$0		
Non-Profit Operating	\$0	0%	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$0	0%	5%
Administration and Planning	\$184,049	15%	15%
TOTAL HOME-ARP ALLOCATION	\$2,269,939.00		

1. Estimate the number of affordable rental housing units for qualifying populations that the jurisdiction will produce or support with its HOME-ARP allocation:

The City is proposing to use the HOME-ARP funds for Supportive Services to assist qualifying populations assisted in the TBRA, Section 8, Non-congregate shelter units, homeless prevention, and rapid rehousing programs by obtaining housing stability and prevent homelessness.

2. Describe the specific affordable rental housing production goal that the jurisdiction hopes to achieve and describe how it will address the jurisdiction’s priority needs:

Tempe will prioritize supportive services to 115 persons to achieve and maintain affordable housing.

Preferences

1. Identify whether the jurisdiction intends to give preference to one or more qualifying populations or a subpopulation within one or more qualifying populations for any eligible activity or project:

- Preferences cannot violate any applicable fair housing, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements, including but not limited to those requirements listed in 24 CFR 5.105(a).
- PJs are not required to describe specific projects to which the preferences will apply.

Tempe will not further identify “other populations” within the qualifying populations already outlined.

- 2. If a preference was identified, explain how the use of a preference or method of prioritization will address the unmet need or gap in benefits and services received by individuals and families in the qualifying population or category of qualifying population, consistent with the jurisdiction's needs assessment and gap analysis:**

Tempe will not further identify "other populations" within the qualifying populations already outlined.

- 3. If a preference was identified, describe how the jurisdiction will use HOME-ARP funds to address the unmet needs or gaps in benefits and services of the other qualifying populations that are not included in the preference:**

Tempe will not further identify "other populations" within the qualifying populations already outlined.