

City of Gainesville

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD

HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP)

Draft Allocation Plan

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan (ARP) into law, which provides over \$1.9 trillion in relief to address the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy, public health, State and local governments, individuals, and businesses. To address the need for homelessness assistance and supportive services, Congress appropriated \$5 billion in ARP funds to be administered through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) to perform four activities that must primarily benefit qualifying individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or in other vulnerable populations. These activities include: (1) development and support of affordable housing, (2) Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), (3) provision of supportive services; and (4) acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units.

The City of Gainesville (City) has received \$1,968,639 of HOME-ARP funds. These funds must be used to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability for qualifying populations. Qualifying populations include:

- Homeless, as defined in section 103(a) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302(a));
- At-risk of homelessness, as defined in section 401(1) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360(1));
- Fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, as defined by the Secretary;
- Other populations where providing supportive services or assistance under Section 212(a) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 12742(a)) would prevent a family's homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability; and
- Veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meet one of the preceding criteria.

As a recipient of these federal funds through HUD, the City is required to submit an Allocation Plan. The Plan provides a needs assessment and gaps analysis of Gainesville's homeless and other vulnerable populations and describes how the City will use HOME-ARP funds to reduce homelessness and provide housing stability for qualifying populations. Comments on the draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan will be accepted from November 18, 2022 through December 8, 2022.

A virtual Public Hearing to receive citizen comments on the Draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan will be held during a special Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Development meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., with access available as follows:

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 875 1045 7001

Passcode: 018330

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The Draft Plan is available for review online at: <https://www.gainesvillefl.gov/Government-Pages/Government/Departments/Housing-Community-Development>. Electronic or hard copies of the Draft Plan can be requested by email at coghousing@gainesvillefl.gov. Please submit written comments to: Citizen Comment, c/o City of Gainesville Housing & Community Development Division, P.O. Box 490, Station 22, 32627-0490 or to coghousing@gainesvillefl.gov.

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