



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: Public Comment Session

DEPARTMENT: Department of Human Services

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Melody Woosley

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Public Hearing for proposed Substantial Amendment #2 to the HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan for the reprogramming of \$1,830,407 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

SUMMARY:

The Department of Humans Services (DHS) seeks public comment on Substantial Amendment #2 for the proposed reprogramming of HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan to reprogram a total of \$1,830,407 in HOME-ARP grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to eligible HOME-ARP activities.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

As part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) received \$5 billion to allocate and assist individuals or households who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, survivors of domestic violence, 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).

The \$5 billion in HOME-ARP funds were allocated to cities, counties, and states, through a formula allocation, and the City of San Antonio received \$20 million.

On February 17, 2022, City Council approved staff's recommended allocation plan and the submission thereof to HUD for the use of HOME-ARP funds received.

On January 16, 2025, City Council approved Substantial Amendment #1 to the HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan to reprogram a total of \$1,000,000 in HOME-ARP grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to eligible affordable housing development activities.

For this amendment to the City's adopted HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and Budget, the City of San Antonio initiated a 15-day public comment period on February 11, 2025, through February 26, 2025.

An ordinance to approve this proposed change is scheduled to be presented to City Council for vote during A Session on February 27, 2025.

ISSUE:

The Neighborhood and Housing Services Department serves as the administrator for HUD HOME-ARP funds. The Department of Human Services manages five programs funded from HUD HOME-ARP.

DHS proposes this substantial amendment to the HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan incorporating the following changes:

- Increasing the threshold for administration and planning from 10% to 15%. Adding this additional 5% in administrative costs will still comply with the statutory maximum of 15%. This will allow DHS to set up administrative funds for three (3) subrecipients.
- Adjusting funding between TBRA and Supportive Services based on eligible activities as listed in the HUD CPD Notice 21-01.
- Execution of contract amendments with subrecipients to shift HOME-ARP funding within a subrecipient's contract allocation from the Tenant Based Rental Assistance program to the Homeless Prevention Supportive Services program. The total value of each subrecipient's contract will remain the same. This would increase the number of programs managed by DHS to six programs.

HOME-ARP Funding Category	Original HOME-ARP Award	Adjustment	Proposed Revised Budget
Administrative	2,000,000	377,104	2,377,104
Supportive Services	5,342,085	1,453,303	6,795,388
Develop Affordable Housing	7,500,000	-	7,500,000
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	5,200,000	(1,830,407)	3,369,593
	20,042,085	-	20,042,085

ALTERNATIVES:

The City is required to undergo this process for federally funded programs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This item will not have an impact on the City's General Fund Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

No action required.