



**CITY OF ANNISTON
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2021-2022 HOME-ARP GRANT PROGRAM SUMMARY & FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

OVERVIEW

The **American Rescue Plan (ARP)** provides \$5 billion to assist 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)**.

ELIGIBLE QUALIFYING POPULATIONS

HOME-ARP funds must be used to primarily benefit individuals or families from the following qualifying populations:

- An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.
- An individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence within 14 days.
- Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age
- Individuals fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking.
- Individuals for whom provision of supportive services or assistance herein would prevent homelessness or who are at the greatest risk of housing instability
- Veterans and their families that meet any of the preceding criteria.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

HOME-ARP funds must be used to primarily benefit the qualifying populations through the four eligible activities:

1. **Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)** - payments to make up the difference between the amount a household can afford to pay for housing and the local rent standards and other costs to include security and utility deposits.
2. **Production or Preservation of Affordable Rental Housing (New Construction, Acquisition, Rental or Rehabilitation of housing units)** - Acquire, construct and rehabilitate rental housing for occupancy by individuals and families that meet one of the Qualifying Populations.
3. **Provision of Supportive Services** - Homeless prevention services and housing counseling. Also, includes supportive services such as childcare, basic educational skills, employment assistance and job training programs, legal services, rental application fees, security/utility, payment of rental arrears deposits, etc.
4. **Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter Units (NCS)** - These structures can remain in use as non-congregate shelter or can be converted to: 1) emergency shelter under the Emergency Solutions Grant program; 2) permanent housing under the Continuum of Care; or 3) affordable housing under the HOME Program (Includes locations where each individual or household has living space that offers some level of privacy such as hotels, motels, or dormitories).

HOME ARP FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

CITY OF ANNISTON'S HOME ARP ALLOCATION: \$1,454,489.00

HOME-ARP Funding Recommendations Overview

HOME-ARP provides up to 15% (\$218,173.35) of the allocation for administrative and planning costs of administering the grant. In addition, HOME-ARP can provide up to 5% (\$72,724.45) of its allocation for operating costs of Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs).

HOME-ARP applications received under each category based on the eligible activities is listed below. There were no applications received for acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units or CHDO Operating. This funding was distributed to the remaining categories and funding recommendations were based on received applications that were reviewed and ranked for funding.

HOME-ARP FUNDING AWARDS		
CATEGORY/PERCENTAGE OF FUNDING	MAXIMUM FUNDING TO BE AWARDED	FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS
Tenant Based Rental Assistance	N/A	\$ 20,000.00
Development of Affordable Housing	N/A	\$ 1,216,315.65
Acquisition and Development of Non-congregate Shelter Units	N/A	\$ -
Supportive Services	N/A	\$ -
HOME ARP Planning & Administration (15%)	\$ 218,173.35	\$ 218,173.35
CHDO Operating (5%)	\$ 72,724.45	\$ -
TOTAL		\$ 1,454,489.00

Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Funding Recommendations

Under the TBRA activity payments to make up the difference between the amount a household can afford to pay for housing and the local rent standards and other costs to include security and utility deposits.

Applicant Name	Description	Request Amount	Recommended Amount
The HUB Community Development Corporation	TBRA	\$ 33,500.00	Not Recommended
All Saints Interfaith Center of Concern	TBRA	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Community Enabler	TBRA	\$ 75,000.00	Not Recommended
Total		\$	\$ 20,000.00

Supportive Services Funding Recommendations

HOME-ARP supportive services includes activities such as transitional housing, housing counseling, and homeless prevention. Also, includes supportive services such as childcare, basic educational skills, employment assistance and job training programs, legal services, rental application fees, security/utility, payment of rental arrears deposits, etc.

Applicant Name	Description	Request Amount	Recommended Amount
The HUB Community Development Corporation	Case management, operating & employment skills	\$ 60,000.00	Not Recommended
The Right Place	Case management, operating & employment skills	\$ 164,415.82	Not Recommended
Community Enabler	Employment skills & job training	\$ 20,000.00	Not Recommended
Total		\$ 244,415.82	\$ -

Development of Affordable Rental Housing

Acquire, construct and rehabilitate rental housing for occupancy by individuals and families that meet one of the Qualifying Populations.

Applicant Name	Description	Amount Requested	Recommended Amount
The Right Place	Acquisition of the property located at 130 W. 15 th St to provide office space and day programs for housing counseling, homeless prevention services, employment services, and job training.	\$ 1,000,000.00	Not Recommended
Fresh Start Home, LLC	18-unit apartment building located on North of BAE in Anniston	\$ 1,454,489.00	\$ 1,216,315.65
Housing Authority of Anniston - HDC	Funding for new construction at 0 Allen Street for 2 duplexes	\$ 1,120,000.00	Not Recommended
TNG The Moore Group, Inc	Propose building 8 2-bedroom apartments for elderly	\$ 1,035,000.00	Not Recommended
Total		\$ 4,609,489.00	\$ 1,216,315.65

Applicants Not Recommended for Funding

The HUB Community Development Corporation was not recommended for funding under the TBRA or Supportive Services activities because the application did not sufficiently detail how City residents would be served since the organization is in Birmingham.

Community Enabler was not recommended for funding under the TBRA activities. The applicant has had difficulty expending current CDBG funds and numerous staff turnover.

The Right Place was not recommended under supportive services or development of rental activities because the case management services were linked to the organization acquiring the property and would not be able to proceed without the completion of the acquisition. Funding request for acquisition of property included ineligible HOME-ARP activities.

Housing Authority of Anniston was not recommended for funding because the application did not sufficiently detail the benefit to HOME-ARP qualifying populations.

TNG The Moore Group, Inc was not recommended for funding because the application did not sufficiently detail the benefit to HOME-ARP qualifying populations property proposed for elderly only.

Timeline & Next Steps

January 4, 2022 - 2021-2022 HOME-ARP Grant Program Summary & Funding Recommendations provided to the City Council for review.

January 18, 2022 – HOME-ARP Overview will be presented at the Council Work Session.

January 19, 2022 – 15 –day Public Comment Period will commence and end on February 4, 2022.

February 15, 2022 – HOME-ARP Resolution to be included on the Council Meeting Agenda for approval.

February 18, 2022 – HOME-ARP Allocation Plan & Certifications sent to HUD Field Office.