

# HOME - American Rescue Program

Overview, Qualifying Populations, and Allocation

# American Rescue Plan of 2021

- \$5 billion set aside for homeless assistance and assistance to other vulnerable populations
- City of Topeka received \$2,064,660 with 10% admin cap of \$206,466

# HOME-ARP Purpose

- HOME-ARP funds must be used to primarily benefit individuals and families that meet the requirements for one or more “qualifying populations” (QPs)
- Participating jurisdictions (PJs) may use HOME-ARP funds for the following eligible activities:
  - Affordable Rental Housing
  - Tenant-Based Rental Assistance
  - Supportive Services
  - Non-congregate Shelter

# HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations (QPs)

- Homeless (McKinney Act definition at 24 CFR 91.5)
- At-risk of homelessness (McKinney Act definition at 24 CFR 91.5)
- Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking
  - Definitions from VAWA regulation at 24 CFR 5.2003, except
  - Human trafficking definition from Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000
- Other Populations where assistance would:
  - Prevent the family's homelessness; or
  - Serve those with the Greatest Risk of Housing Instability

# Rental Housing: Eligible Activities

- HOME-ARP Eligible Activities:
  - Acquisition of standard rental housing
  - Construction of rental housing
  - Rehabilitation of rental housing

# HOME-ARP TBRA

- HOME-ARP can assist qualifying populations to pay the rent, security deposits, utility payments, and utility deposits
  - A PJ may provide up to 100% of rent and utility costs
- Assistance is attached to qualifying household rather than the unit
  - Household can take assistance to another unit that is rent reasonable and meets applicable property standards

# HOME-ARP Supportive Services

- HOME-ARP funds may be used to provide a broad range of supportive services to qualifying individuals or families:
  - As a standalone program, or
  - In combination with other HOME-ARP activities
- Individuals and families who meet a QP definition and are not already receiving these services through another program are eligible for HOME-ARP supportive services

# Supportive Services: Eligible Activities

- Three categories of eligible supportive services under HOME-ARP:
  - McKinney-Vento Supportive Services -- adapted from the services listed in section 401(29) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
  - HOME-ARP Homelessness Prevention Services -- adapted from eligible homelessness prevention services under Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) regulations and are revised, supplemented, and streamlined.
  - Housing Counseling -- as defined in Part 5, including requirement that counseling only be provided by HUD-certified housing counselors



# HOME-ARP Non-Congregate Shelter (NCS)

- For purposes of HOME-ARP, NCS is defined as one or more buildings that:
  - Provide private units or rooms for temporary shelter
  - Serve individuals and families that meet one or more of the qualifying populations
  - Do not require occupants to sign a lease or occupancy agreement

# NCS- Eligible Activities and Costs

- Eligible Activities:
  - Acquisition of structures
  - New construction, with or without land acquisition
  - Rehabilitation of existing structures (such as motels, nursing homes)
- Eligible Costs
  - Acquisition Costs
  - Development Hard and Soft Costs
  - Replacement Reserve (for costs identified in capital needs assessment)

# Housing Services Recommendation for Consideration

- Assist with Non-Congregate Shelter for the YWCA. Support acquisition, rehabilitation and support services for a new building
- Provide Tenant Based Rental Assistance to the Qualifying Populations

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