

Multifamily Housing Notice 22-3

February 7, 2022

To: Developers, Sponsors and Local Housing Contacts

From: Gregory Hare, Director, Multifamily Housing

Re: *State HOME-ARP Funding – Stakeholder Listening Session*

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) allocated \$5 billion nationwide to HUD's HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME-ARP) to assist individuals or households who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations. The State of Maryland is eligible to receive up to \$24 million through HOME-ARP, which can be used for four primary activities:

- Production or Preservation of Affordable Housing
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
- Supportive Services, Homeless Prevention Services, and Housing Counseling
- Purchase and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter

Maryland DHCD is conducting a needs assessment to inform the development of an allocations plan for submission to HUD. Additional HOME-ARP funds, totaling over \$27 million, were allocated directly by HUD to certain entitlement counties: Anne Arundel, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George's. Each of those jurisdictions will develop their own plan for their HOME-ARP allocation.

To help guide the development of the State's plan, DHCD will be hosting several virtual listening sessions in February to gather input from key stakeholders - including Continuums of Care, homeless services providers, local housing agencies, fair housing advocates, funders, and direct service providers serving veterans, survivors of domestic violence and people with disabilities. Once the plan has been developed, it will be posted publicly, an additional hearing will be held, and written comment on the plan will be accepted.

Each listening session will include a short presentation from DHCD staff on what activities are eligible under HOME-ARP, when the funds will be available, and basic program requirements. Partners are invited to share their input on unmet housing and service needs in their community, challenges with creating and sustaining new projects locally, and more that could help guide the HOME-APR plan development. Organizations are invited to attend one or more sessions, which



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are organized by affinity/population. Please note that these sessions are intended to solicit input on community needs only - more information will be shared at a later date regarding who is eligible to apply for project funds and what activities the State will utilize HOME-ARP funds for.

Continuums of Care, Community Action Agencies and Direct Service Providers

Monday, February 7 · 3:00 – 4:00pm

Google Meet joining info: <https://meet.google.com/qce-bidw-xaa>

Or dial: (US) +1 475-441-4594, PIN: 938 442 290#

Affordable Housing Developers and Funders, Fair Housing Advocates, and Community Development Organizations

Friday, February 18 · 12:00 – 1:00pm

Google Meet joining info: <https://meet.google.com/ewh-jknu-hxm>

Or dial: (US) +1 716-320-1195 PIN: 661 829 458#

Local Government Housing Agencies and Housing Authorities

Thursday, February 24 · 1:00 – 2:00pm

Google Meet joining info: <https://meet.google.com/mat-zria-tjh>

Or dial: (US) +1 216-505-9415 PIN: 495 238 141#

Public Hearing (All Welcome)

Mid-February

[Sign up for DHCD's news listserv](#) to be notified of the date, time, and joining information for the hearing in addition to instructions for providing written comment.

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