



Washoe County Home Consortium Technical Review Committee Meeting Hybrid Meeting

Agenda

Tuesday May 10, 2022 at 9:30 AM
Reno City Hall
1 E. 1st Street
7th Floor Caucus Room
Reno, NV, 89523

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Order of Business

The presiding officer shall determine the order of the agenda and all questions of parliamentary procedure at the meeting. Items on the agenda may be taken out of order. The public body may combine two or more agenda items for consideration; remove an item from the agenda; or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time. See, NRS 241. Items scheduled to be heard at a specific time will be heard no earlier than the stated time, but may be heard later.

Public Comment

In-Person

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A. Introductory Items

A.1 Call To Order/Roll Call

A.2 Public Comment – This item is for either public comment on any action item or for any general public comment and is limited to no more than three (3) minutes for each commentator.

A.3 Approval of the Agenda (For Possible Action) – May 10, 2022

B. Business Items

B.1 PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING HOME-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) FUNDS (For possible action)

C. Technical Review Committee Items and Announcements- Limited to items that do not appear elsewhere on the agenda. No action may be taken on this item.

D. Staff Technical Support Update- Staff may provide an update on projects, funding or other programmatic issues

E. Future Agenda Items - Discussion of items for future agendas. No action may be taken on this item.

F. Public Comment - This item is for either public comment on any action item or for any general public comment and is limited to no more than three (3) minutes for each commentator.

G. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

Staff Report

To: Technical Review Committee, Washoe County HOME Consortium

From: Housing and Neighborhood Development Division, City of Reno

Subject: PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF
REGARDING HOME- AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) FUNDS (For Possible Action)

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) was signed into law in 2021, and provides over \$5 billion in assistance for people experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, fleeing domestic violence or in another identified vulnerable group. HOME-ARP provides additional HOME funds to Participating Jurisdictions (PJs) and expands on the populations HOME funds are designed to serve. While the regular HOME funding cycle is designed to serve low income individuals and families at 60% Area Median Income (AMI) or below, the HOME-ARP program is geared towards people either experiencing homelessness, or trying to prevent homelessness. It also expands the project types available to use the funds including non-congregate shelter, and supportive services for the target populations.

Our area was allocated \$5,066,913 in HOME ARP funds, through the Washoe County Home Consortium (WCHC,) which after the 15% Administrative fee is deducted, leaves the WCHC with \$4,306,876. Prior to the allocation of any HOME-ARP funds the PJ must engage their local community in an extensive community consultation process, a 15-day public comment period and prepare an allocation plan to submit to HUD for approval. The community consultation process will include people who work in the homeless service system, our local Continuum of Care (CoC), affordable housing and supportive service experts, as well as people currently experiencing homelessness. Community input will be weighed greatly in the decisions on the type(s) of project(s) the HOME-ARP funds can be spent on.

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

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

HOME-ARP funds can be used for four eligible activity categories:

- Production or Preservation of Affordable Housing (New construction or acquisition/rehab)
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

- Supportive Services, Homeless Prevention Services, and Housing Counseling
- Purchase and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter

To receive its HOME-ARP allocation, a PJ must:

- Engage in consultation with at least the required organizations (homeless service providers, domestic violence services providers, public housing authority, people with lived experience);
- Provide for public participation including a 15-day public comment period and one public hearing, at a minimum;
- Develop an allocation plan that meets the requirements in the HOME-ARP Notice.

Staff will work on creating a Gaps Analysis once the 2022 Point in the Time Count (PIT) results are released. The PIT took place on February 24, 2022 and counted people experiencing homelessness who are unsheltered (living in a place not meant for human habitation), people who are in emergency shelters, as well as people who are in housing programs which support homeless individuals. Staff will use this data to analyze where HOME-ARP funds may be used to make an impact in our community.

Due to the extensive nature of the community outreach and input requirement for these funds, staff is seeking direction on the following:

- The timeline to pursue the HOME-ARP funds.
- Should the HOME-ARP funds be released with the HOME cycle, or should a separate funding cycle be created?
- Direction on how to seek community input.