

PUBLIC NOTICE HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT 2021-2022 ACTION PLAN

February 3, 2025

As a recipient of US Department of Housing grant funding, Iowa Finance Authority is required to notify the public of substantial amendments to the HOME Investment Partnership Program – American Rescue Plan (HOME_ARP) Program. Iowa Finance Authority announces a 30-day comment period regarding a Substantial Amendment to its HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. Iowa Finance Authority may establish reasonable preferences among the qualifying populations to prioritize applicants for HOME-ARP projects or activities based on the PJ's needs and priorities. Changes to these reasonable preferences is considered a substantial amendment. The public comment period will be Monday February 10, 2025, to Wednesday March 12, 2025.

The community is asked to participate by:

- Providing written comments which can be delivered to Iowa Finance Authority office located at 1963 Bell Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50315. You may also email your comments to <u>homearp@iowafinance.com</u>. Comments must be received by 4:30pm on Wednesday March 12, 2025.
- 2. Attend a public meeting to be held on Monday, March 10, 2025, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at the IFA office, 1963 Bell Ave, Des Moines, IA 50315 and online. To join the virtual meeting, attendees may call 800-532-1215 and use conference ID: 163 039 780#. If you have special needs, such as an interpreter, please contact IFA at 515-452-0473 so that your needs can be accommodated. For hearing impaired persons please call 711 to connect with Relay Iowa Services. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing special accommodations to participate in this proceeding may contact IFA at 515-452-0473 no later than three (3) business days prior to the proceeding.

All public comments will be noted and addressed. The proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan can be viewed at: <u>Iowa HOME-ARP Program | Economic Development & Finance Authority</u>

Current Preferences language:

Identify whether the PJ intends to give preference to one or more QPs or a subpopulation within one or more QPs for any eligible activity or project.

While there are needs among all HOME-ARP QPs, information from the consultation sessions, stakeholder survey, and quantitative data analysis indicate that there are greater needs for three of the four HOME-ARP populations. In accordance with these findings, a preference will be provided for the following populations:

- Individuals experiencing homelessness, as defined in 24 CFR 91.5.
- Individuals at risk of homelessness, as defined in 24 CFR 91.5.

• Persons fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, as defined by HUD.

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Proposed Preferences language:

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● Individuals experiencing homelessness, as defined in 24 CFR 91.5 and HUD's Notice CPD-21-10, including unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age described in 24 CFR 91.5 and HUD's Notice CPD 21-10(IV)(A)(1)(3).

● Individuals at risk of homelessness, as defined in 24 CFR 91.5 and HUD's Notice CPD-21-10, including unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age described in 24 CFR 91.5 and HUD's Notice CPD 21-10(IV)(A)(2)(2) or (3).

● Persons fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, as defined in HUD's Notice CPD 21-10(IV)(A)(3).

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