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Approve Amending the HOME Investment Partnership American Rescue Plan Allocation Plan.

Staff:

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Department:

Affordable Housing and Community Connections

Overview: The purpose of this item is to approve a proposed amendment to the HOME Investment Partnership American Rescue Plan (ARP) Allocation Plan approved by Council on [February 15, 2023](https://chapelhill.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6023607&GUID=621BA507-F5C1-4DCA-AAB5-ECC3AC4FE4CC) <https://chapelhill.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6023607&GUID=621BA507-F5C1-4DCA-AAB5-ECC3AC4FE4CC>. HUD requires one modification to the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan for approval. This amendment is designed to bring the approved plan in alignment with HUD requirements.

☆ **Recommendation(s):**

That the Council:

- Approve the Amended HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan Program Allocation Plan.
- Authorize this plan to be incorporated into the annual update to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

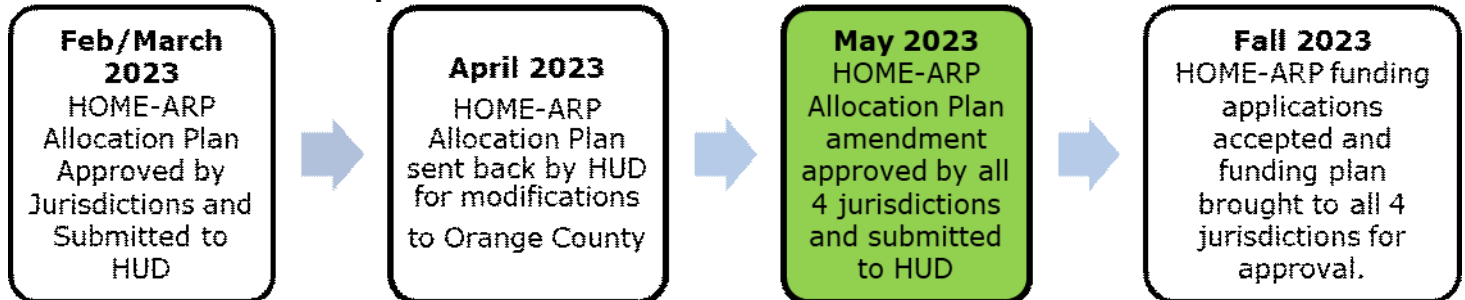
Summary of Modifications to the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan:

- HOME-ARP funding must be used for projects that serve four Qualifying Populations:
 - Homeless;
 - At-risk of homelessness;
 - Fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking;

- Other populations where providing supportive services or assistance would prevent homelessness or housing instability.
- The Plan approved by all jurisdictions in Orange County in February included a preference to serve homeless households. This would be accomplished by prioritizing projects that use Coordinated Entry (CE) to identify tenants for units developed using HOME-ARP funds. Coordinated Entry is the method the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness Continuum of Care (CoC) uses for prioritizing referral services.
- Upon reviewing the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, HUD staff notified Orange County, that HUD would not approve the Plan because Coordinated Entry is not an approved prioritization method for Affordable Rental Development projects funded by HOME-ARP because it does not allow equal access to all four qualifying populations who must be served.
- The Consortium, the body responsible for making recommendations for HOME and HOME-ARP funding, voted at their May 4, 2023 meeting to recommend removing the preference to serve households experiencing homelessness and prioritization of projects that use Coordinated Entry to identify tenants for units developed using HOME-ARP funds.
 - Individual projects may still accept referrals through Coordinated Entry if they still provide equal opportunity for all qualifying populations to apply for residency through other means.
 - Since the units developed with HOME-ARP funding must serve households falling in at least one of the four qualifying populations, the Consortium’s interest of reaching households experiencing homelessness or housing instability will still be met.

Fiscal Impact/Resources: There is no fiscal impact with approving the proposed amendment to the plan.

Where is this item in its process?



Attachments:

- Resolution Approving the Amended HOME Investment Partnership American Rescue Plan Allocation Plan

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ALLOCATION PLAN (2023-05-24/R-2)

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2021, the Chapel Hill Town Council approved a 2021-2022 HOME Investment Partnership Program Annual Plan to be carried out by the members of the Orange County HOME Consortium; and

WHEREAS, in September 2021 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) notified the Consortium of an additional one-time award of HOME Investment Partnership American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP) funding in the amount of \$1,371,401 to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability; and

WHEREAS, HUD requires a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan be submitted for the funding as an amendment to the 2021-2022 HOME Investment Partnership Program Annual Plan; and

WHEREAS, Orange submitted a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan that was rejected and must be changed; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County HOME Consortium recommends removing the preference for serving households experiencing homelessness and the Coordinated Entry prioritization for projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council approves the Consortium recommended amendment to the plan to remove Coordinated Entry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council authorizes this amended plan to be incorporated into the Annual Update to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

This the 24th day of May, 2023.

The Agenda will reflect the text below and/or the motion text will be used during the meeting.

By adopting the resolution, the Council authorizes the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan be added as an amendment to the 2021-2022 HOME Investment Partnership Program Plan to be incorporated into the Annual Update to the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.