

# HOME-ARP

# Public Hearing Meeting

July 12, 2022 at 11am (CST) via WebEx

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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS DIVISION

# HOME- ARP Public Comment Phase

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- The Public Comment Period is the range of time the public has to submit input before THDA makes a final decision on a proposed rule and/or plan.
- THDA seeks to gather any information pertinent to the actions proposed in the regulation, from public input on community. THDA is then required to take into account and respond to substantive comments when writing our allocation plan.
- HOME-ARP Public Comment Period: July 12, 2022 – July 31, 2022
- Follow-up comments can be captured by sending emails to [HOMEARP@thda.org](mailto:HOMEARP@thda.org) between July 12, 2022 and July 31, 2022.

# What is the HOME- ARP

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- The American Rescue Plan (ARP) provides \$5 billion to assist individuals or households who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations, by providing housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter, to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability across the country. These grant funds will be administered through HUD's HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME).
- THDA received \$53,276,184 for TN non-entitlement allocations

# HOME-ARP Eligible Populations

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**HOME-ARP funds must be used to primarily benefit individuals or families from the following Qualifying Populations (QP):**

- 1) Those who are homeless (Sec. 103 (a), McKinney-Vento)
- 2) At risk of homelessness (Sec. 401, McKinney-Vento)
- 3) Those fleeing, or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
- 4) Those who are part of other populations where providing supportive services or assistance would prevent a family's homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability.
- 5) Those whose are veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meet the criteria in one of (1) – (4) above.

# HOME-ARP Eligible Activities

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**HOME-ARP funds can be used for four eligible activities:**

- Production or Preservation of Affordable Housing
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
- Supportive Services, including services defined at 24 CFR 578.53(e), Homeless Prevention Services, and Housing Counseling
- Purchase and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter. These structures can remain in use as non-congregate shelter or can be converted to:
  - 1) emergency shelter under the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program;
  - 2) permanent housing under the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program; or
  - 3) affordable housing under the HOME Program.

# 2022 HOME-ARP Needs Assessment Survey

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- THDA conducted an online Needs Assessment Survey, which was sent out to 131 entities.
- THDA received feedback from 59 entities
- Their feedback along with your feedback today will help us to construct our HOME-ARP Allocation Plan
- Our THDA Research Analyst has also compiled information from recent Housing Inventory Count (HIC) and Point-In-Time (PIT) counts to determine needs and gaps in services throughout the state of Tennessee.

# Needs Analysis- Literally Homeless

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Emergency shelter and transitional housing inventory was inadequate to meet the needs of **families** known to be experiencing homelessness in the following CoC regions:

CoC	GAP IN FAMILY BEDS	GAP IN FAMILY UNITS
TN-500: Chattanooga/SE TN	-71	-25
TN-503: Central TN	-35	-28
TN-507: Jackson/West TN	-345	-130

# Needs Analysis-Literally Homeless

The regional gap analysis revealed emergency shelter and transitional housing inventory was inadequate to meet the needs of **adult individuals** known to be experiencing homelessness in all of the State’s CoC regions. Need was most acute in the following CoC regions:

CoC	GAP IN INDIVIDUAL ADULT BEDS
TN-500: Chattanooga/SE TN	-333
TN-504: Nashville/Davidson County	-583
TN-507: Jackson/West TN	-478
TN-510: Murfreesboro/Rutherford Co.	-184
TN-512: Morristown/Blount, Sevier	-246

# Demographics and Equity

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Compared to Tennessee's general population:

- Males were overrepresented in the homeless population in 2020.
- People of Non-Hispanic / Non-Latino ethnicities were overrepresented in the homeless population in 2020.
- People who are Black and/or African American were overrepresented in the homeless population in 2020

# HOME-ARP Survey Results

HOME-ARP allowable activities ranked highest importance to lowest. Entities were also able to select an activity as being not applicable (N/A).

1. Development and support of affordable housing
2. Tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA)
3. Provision of supportive services
4. Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units.

Here are overall results:

	Rank 1	Rank 2	Rank 3	Rank 4	N/A	Blank
<b>Activity 1</b>	41/59 70%	10/59 15%	3/59 5%	1/59 2%	2/59 3%	2/59 3%
<b>Activity 2</b>	7/59 12%	17/59 29%	19/59 32%	12/59 20%	2/59 3%	2/59 3%
<b>Activity 3</b>	2/59 3%	17/59 29%	20/59 34%	16/59 27%	2/59 3%	2/59 3%
<b>Activity 4</b>	6/59 10%	11/59 19%	13/59 22%	18/59 31%	9/59 15%	2/59 2%

# HOME ARP Allocation Plan

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## HOME ARP Allocation - Total Allocation = \$ 53,276,184 –use by 2030

- ❖ Amount available for admin: \$ 7,961,427.60 {Use part of Admin with Supportive Services, TBRA, ER Consultant, and other TA?}
- ❖ Amount available for program award: \$45,284,756.40

### **\* PROPOSED HOME ARP PROGRAM SPLIT \***

- 20% of HOME ARP allocation will be used for the development of Non-Congregate Shelter**
- 5% of HOME ARP will be made available for Supportive Services to support Rental Housing Development and Non-Congregate awards**
- 20% of HOME ARP will be made available for TBRA**
- 45% of HOME ARP will be used for Affordable Housing Rental Acquisition/Rehab or New Construction**
- 10% of HOME ARP will be made available for Supportive Services to support Rental Housing Development and Non-Congregate awards**

# Feedback- Literally Homeless

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Please offer a brief description of the following priority needs for those experiencing homelessness in your service/geographical areas?

Themes:

- Affordable Housing
- Supportive Services
- Accuracy of PIT (Point-In-Time) count
- Need for non-congregate shelter
- Concern for increases in rent and inflation
- Need for local emergency shelter

# Needs Analysis- At-Risk of Homelessness

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- Tennessee has 233,311 Extremely Low Income (ELI) households, which have an income of less than 30% of Area Median Income. (Nearly half of these households live in the Memphis or Nashville metro areas.)
- Tennessee has a supply of 106,209 affordable and available rental homes, which means **Tennessee needs an additional 127,102 affordable housing units to meet the need of ELI renters.**
- 84% of ELI renters experience a housing cost burden, meaning they spend greater than 30% of their household incomes on rent.
- In addition, 67% of ELI renters experience a severe housing cost burden, meaning they spend greater than 50% of their household incomes on rent.

# Feedback

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Please offer a brief description of the following priority needs for those at-risk homelessness in your service/geographical areas?

Themes:

- Affordable Housing
- Supportive Services
- Accuracy of PIT (Point-In-Time) count
- Need for non-congregate shelter
- Concern for increases in rent and inflation
- Need for local emergency shelter

# Needs Analysis: Fleeing Domestic Violence

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- Amongst Tennessee's known homeless population, 541 people in emergency shelter or transitional housing and 232 people experiencing unsheltered homelessness reported fleeing domestic violence, according to the State's 2020 PIT Count.
- 2022 HOME-ARP Needs Assessment Survey report the population fleeing violence is mainly composed of women and their children.

# Feedback- Fleeing Domestic Violence

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Please offer a brief description of the following priority needs for those fleeing domestic violence in your service/geographical areas?

Themes:

- Affordable Housing
  - Rental and Deposit Assistance
- Supportive Services
  - Education/Employment
  - Budgeting
  - Childcare
  - Mental Health treatment
- Need for non-congregate shelter/family shelter

# Needs Analysis- Most Vulnerable

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- Fixed incomes, as well as deteriorating health and increasing experiences of disability, make elderly people at greater risk of homelessness than younger populations. Approximately one out of six Tennesseans are 65 years old, according to the 2020 Census.

# Feedback- Most Vulnerable

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Please describe the priority needs for other vulnerable populations in your service/geographical areas, i.e. elderly, those with fixed income, substances, mental health concerns, disabilities, criminal histories, parenting youth, etc.

## Themes:

- Affordable Housing
- Accessible Housing
- Supportive Services
  - Mental Health treatment
  - Substance abuse treatment
- Permanent Supportive Housing

# Needs Analysis- Veteran Population

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- Amongst Tennessee's known homeless population, 424 people in emergency shelter and transitional housing and 146 people experiencing unsheltered homelessness reported being a veteran, according to the State's 2020 PIT Count.

# Feedback-Veterans

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Please offer a brief description of the following priority needs for veterans experiencing homelessness or at risk homelessness in your service/geographical areas?

Themes:

- Affordable Housing (with VASH voucher)
- Need for Supportive Services
  - Employment assistance
  - Education assistance
  - Child care
  - Transportation
  - Healthcare
  - Mental Health

(received feedback of additional supports already in place for veterans including healthcare and VASH vouchers)

# Additional Feedback

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We would like to now open discussion to additional feedback regarding the eligible activities, qualifying populations and needs for your service/geographical area.

- 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

# Your Feedback is Important

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THDA will accept feedback on the Public Hearing through  
July 31, 2022.

Please send your questions or comments to  
[HOMEARP@thda.org](mailto:HOMEARP@thda.org)

# Questions/Comments

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# Thank you!

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