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Mask Policy: All attendees are required to wear masks in City Hall regardless of vaccination status.

AGENDA

IURA Neighborhood Investment Committee (NIC)

8:30 am, Friday, August 13, 2021

Common Council Chambers

108 E. Green Street, 3rd Floor, Ithaca, NY

Masking is required while in City Hall, regardless of vaccination status

I. Call to Order

II. Changes/Additions to Agenda

III. Public Comment

IV. Review of Minutes – tabled until September

V. New Business

A. Action Item - Resolution - HOME-ARP Funds for Continuum of Care Strategic Action Plan

B. Discussion

1. Updates on selected funded activities
2. Committee Member requests for future presenters, interest items, and updates

VI. Other Business

A. IURA Grant Summary

B. Staff Report

VII. Motion to Adjourn



If you have a disability and require accommodation in order to fully participate, please contact the CITY OF ITHACA CLERK'S OFFICE at 274-6570 at least 72 business hours prior to the meeting.

HOME ARP - Who is to be served?

Eligible Populations

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 (42 U.S.C. 11302(a));
- At-risk of homelessness*, as defined in section 401(1) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360(1));
- 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 (42 U.S.C. 12742(a)) 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.

*See "McKinney-Vento Definitions," next page.

McKinney-Vento Definitions of Homelessness

Section 103(s) defines a “homeless individual” as someone who

- lacks fixed, regular nighttime residence, or
- whose primary nighttime residence is a) a shelter, b) an institution intended to provide temporary residence (excluding incarceration), or c) a place not designed for or generally used for a sleeping accommodations for human beings

Section 401(1) “At risk of homelessness” means that an individual or family

- has income below 30 percent of median income for the geographic area;
- has insufficient resources immediately available to attain housing stability; and
 - has moved frequently because of economic reasons;
 - is living in the home of another because of economic hardship;
 - has been notified of eviction;
 - lives in a hotel or motel;
 - lives in severely overcrowded housing;
 - is exiting an institution; or
 - otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness.

HOME ARP - What are eligible activities?

Eligible Activities

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.

*See “McKinney-Vento Eligible Supportive Services,” next page.

McKinney - Vento Eligible Supportive Services

- (A) the establishment and operation of a child care services program for homeless families
- (B) employment assistance/job training program
- (C) outpatient health services, food, and case management
- (D) assistance in obtaining permanent housing, employment counseling, and nutritional counseling;
- (E) the provision of outreach services, advocacy, life skills training, and housing search/ counseling services;
- (F) the provision of mental health services, trauma counseling, and victim services;
- (G) the provision of assistance in obtaining other Federal, State, and local assistance available for residents of supportive housing (including mental health benefits, employment counseling, and medical assistance, but not including major medical equipment);
- (H) the provision of legal services for purposes including requesting reconsiderations and appeals of veterans and public benefit claim denials and resolving outstanding warrants that interfere with an individual's ability to obtain and retain housing;
- (I) the provision of transportation services that facilitate an individual's ability to obtain and maintain employment; and health care; and other supportive services necessary to obtain and maintain housing.

HOME-ARP: Further Details

- City of Ithaca's HOME-ARP Award = \$1,211,929
- Allowable Administration & Planning costs (15%) = \$181,789
- Timeline
 - Communities conduct planning activities: Summer - early Fall 2021
 - HUD finalizes and releases HOME-ARP regulations: Fall 2021 (TBD)
 - Communities submit plans for HOME-ARP funds: December 2021
 - HUD releases funds for approved plans: Early 2022
 - Deadline for completion of all activities: September 30, 2030

Proposed Resolution
IURA Neighborhood Investment Committee
August 13, 2021

HOME-ARP: Continuum of Care Strategic Action Plan

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress approved and President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARP” or “ARPA”) on March 11, 2021 for the purpose of providing stimulus to speed America’s recovery from the health and economic effects of the COVID-19 global pandemic, and

WHEREAS, ARPA provides \$5 billion for the HOME Investment Partnership Program American Recovery Plan (“HOME-ARP”), to be administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide funding to HOME Participating Jurisdictions to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability, and

WHEREAS, HUD has notified the City of Ithaca of a one-time allocation of HOME-ARP funds in the amount of \$1,211,929, and

WHEREAS, the Participating Jurisdiction may utilize up to 15% of HOME-ARP funds for administration and planning activities, and

WHEREAS, the City has contracted with the Ithaca Urban Renewal Agency (IURA) to administer, implement and monitor the City’s HUD Entitlement program in compliance with all applicable regulations, and

WHEREAS, the Human Services Coalition of Tompkins County (HSC) is the lead agency of the Ithaca/Tompkins County Continuum of Care (CoC) that coordinates the local homeless response system and

WHEREAS, the HSC seeks to engage consulting services to develop a CoC strategic action plan to identify and prioritize the most impactful actions and investments in facilities and services to address homelessness and housing instability, and

WHEREAS, Tompkins County has indicated interest in partnering with the City to provide funding to the HSC to develop a CoC Strategic Action Plan, and

WHEREAS, a planning activity is an eligible use of HOME-ARP and HOME funds, and

WHEREAS, yet-to-issued final HOME-ARP implementation regulations are anticipated to require PJs to submit a HOME-ARP allocation plan as a substantial amendment to the 2021 Action Plan, and

WHEREAS, the HOME-ARP allocation plan will require identification of unmet needs and gaps in the homeless response system and proposed use of HOME-ARP funds to address unmet needs, and

WHEREAS, the IURA Neighborhood Investment Committee considered this matter at their August 13, 2021, meeting and recommended the following action; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the IURA hereby allocates up to \$10,000 to procure of independent consultant services to prepare a CoC Strategic Action Plan, and be it further

RESOLVED, that IURA Chair is hereby authorized, upon review of IURA legal counsel, to execute an agreement with the Human Services Coalition of Tompkins County to secure professional consulting services legal services to prepare a CoC Strategic Action Plan, and be it further, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the source of such funds shall be derived from the following sources in the following rank order of preference:

1. Funding request to City of Ithaca for ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
2. City of Ithaca HOME-ARP award
3. 2021 HOME award, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that such funding is contingent upon a match of at least \$10,000 from Tompkins County for the purpose of supporting the CoC's strategic action plan.

IURA Grants Summary
June 2021

| # | ON SCHEDULE | HUD ENTITLEMENT ACTIVITIES | SPONSOR | BUDGET | PROGRAM INCOME | TRANSFERS IN | TRANSFERS OUT | TOTAL BUDGET | EXPENDED | Entitlement Funds UNEXPENDED | PI UNEXPENDED | TOTAL UNEXPENDED | % SPENT |
|---|-------------|--|---------|--------|----------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|----------|------------------------------|---------------|------------------|---------|
| | | Current Unexpended CDBG Funds: | | | | | | | | | | 855,018.78 | |
| | | Current CDBG Spend Down Ratio: | | | | | | | | | | 1.2526 | |
| | | Compliance With 1.5 CDBG Spend Down Ratio: | | | | | | | | | | Yes | |
| | | Amount Required to be Expended by 6/1 to Meet CDBG Spend Down Ratio: | | | | | | | | | | -168,911.22 | |