

## **HOME Investment Partnerships Program-American Rescue Plan**

## **ALLOCATION PLAN**

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	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
City of Aurora			
Supportive Services	\$1,265,000	46%	
Acquisition and Development of Non-			
Congregate Shelters	\$0	0%	
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$335,000	13%	
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$850,000	31%	
Non-Profit Operating	\$0	0%	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$0	0%	5%
Administration and Planning	\$276,703	10%	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$2,726,703	100%	

Table #1: Proposed HOME-ARP Budget

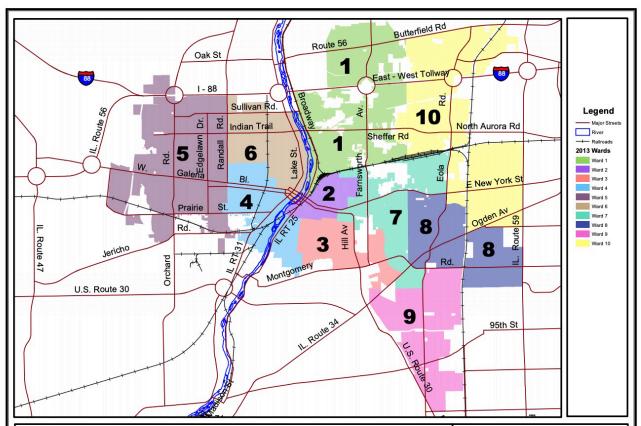


Figure #1 Service Area of Aurora, Illinois

## **Use of HOME-ARP Funding**

		Percent of the	Statutory
	Funding Amount	Grant	Limit
Supportive Services	\$1,200,000		
Acquisition and Development of Non-			
Congregate Shelters	\$0		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$400,000		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$850,000		
Non-Profit Operating	\$0	0%	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$0	0%	5%
Administration and Planning	\$276,703	10%	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$2,726,703		

*Table #12: HOME-ARP Budget (6-14-2023)* 

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
City of Aurora			
Supportive Services	\$1,265,000	46%	
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Table #13: HOME-ARP Budget as of 10-11-2023

Stakeholders that participated in the City of Aurora's survey and consultation process outlined a wide variety of unmet needs for all qualifying populations. The City, based upon these findings, will allocate funding to Administration and Planning, Development of Affordable Rental Housing, Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), and Supportive Services activities to ensure selected partners and their clients have access to activities to ensure the best possible outcomes.

Since HUD's approval of the City of Aurora's HOME-ARP Allocation Plan around on June 14, 2023, and as of October 2023, the City has completed its two phased application process.

After Phase I, applicants applied for the funding categories of development of affordable housing and supportive services. Before the Phase I approved applicants moved to Phase II of the application, staff inquired as to whether applicants were interested in the Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) funding. Applicants responses reflected either insufficient capacity to administer the TBRA program, and/or lack the interest to administer the TBRA program due to other agency program priorities. Based on the responses received, and Phase II funding requests of \$65,000 has been reallocated from TBRA to Supportive Services. The amended allocations are as follows: Supportive Services allocation is \$1,265,000 and TBRA is \$335,000. The amended HOME-ARP allocated funding percentages are shown in Table 13 and reflected in the narrative below. The city will continue to monitor unmet need for each HOME-ARP qualifying population and will adjust this needs assessment as required.

The City of Aurora will utilize 10% of its HOME-ARP allocation for Administration and Planning including a set aside for fair housing activities and planning associated with affirmatively furthering fair housing.

Additionally, 31% of funds will be set aside to support, preserve, or further affordable housing for qualifying populations. Single family homes and small multi-unit properties will be prioritized for partners to acquire that primarily serve a qualifying population. The City estimates that nine HOME-ARP QP units will be created.

Next, 13% of HOME-ARP funds will be set aside for TBRA. The City will provide funding to partners that primarily serve qualifying populations.

Lastly, 46% of HOME-ARP funds will be set aside for Supportive Service activities. While all of the HOME-ARP eligible support service needs are high needs, the highest unmet needs for funding include:

(1) Rent subsidized affordable or supportive housing assistance utilizing affordable housing development and/or TBRA with priority on a housing first, rapid re-housing approach;

(2) Homelessness prevention payments and associated activities; and

(3) Services to wrap around activities that are necessary to address issues leading to housing instability and barriers to successful outcomes for stable permanent housing.

## **HOME-ARP** Production Housing Goals

The City will target to meet the affordable housing unit production goal of nine units based on the city's past experience working with partners on projects of similar of size and scope. The City anticipates working with nonprofit agencies with experience in developing or maintaining affordable housing properties to further acquire and develop rental units that can be utilized by HOME-ARP QPs. Complete underwriting of a proposed project will be completed to determine if the proposal meets the requirements of HOME-ARP and how long-term compliance will be achieved. The creation of new affordable rental units will help address the housing needs of each of the eligible QPs.