

**Holyoke-Chicopee-Westfield Consortium
HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
HOME-ARP Allocation Plan**

**Fifteen Day Public Comment Period Notice
May 27, 2022 to June 14, 2022**

The City of Holyoke, lead city for Holyoke-Chicopee-Westfield Consortium, has issued the draft FY2021 HOME-ARP Allocation Plan on the Consortium’s anticipated uses of HOME-ARP funds. The Consortium includes the cities of Holyoke, Chicopee and Westfield and has been awarded \$3,329,224.00 in HOME-ARP funds.

HOME-ARP funds may be used benefit qualifying populations through:

1. Tenant-based Rental Assistance (TBRA);
2. Development and support of affordable housing;
3. Provision of supportive services;
4. Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter;
5. Nonprofit capacity building and operating assistance; and
6. Funds for the planning and administration of the HOME-ARP Program.

For the purposes of HOME-ARP, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) defines qualifying individuals or families, including Veterans, that are:

1. Homeless, as defined in section 103(a) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act;
2. At risk of homelessness, as defined in section 401 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act;
3. Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (as defined by HUD in 24 CFR 5.2003) or human trafficking (as outlined in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 as amended [22 USC 7102]); and
4. Part of other populations, where providing supportive services or assistance under section 212(a) of the National Affordable Housing Act 42 USC 12472(a) would: a. Prevent a family’s homelessness; b. Serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability.

The draft FY2021 HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is available for a fifteen-day public comment period starting on May 27, 2022. Comments may be submitted to one of the offices below until 4:00 p.m. EST on June 14, 2022. The FY2021 HOME-ARP Allocation Plan will be submitted to HUD after a review of public comments, on or about June 15, 2022. Comments will be accepted by the community development offices in each community: in person by appointment, by mail, email, hand delivery or by calling and speaking with a staff member.

The draft can be viewed at webpage of each city or in-person by appointment at the addresses below. Upon request, a PDF version will be emailed. Additional information can be obtained from the respective city’s community development office.

Link to Google document online:

[DRAFT Public Comment Consortium HOME ARP Allocation Plan.pdf](#)

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