

HOME-ARP

Service Provider Discussion #1

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT | DECEMBER 15, 2022

Meeting Purpose

1. Provide overview of ACCGov's HOME-ARP Allocation Plan process and its relationship to Strategic Plan to Reduce & Prevent Homelessness.
2. Gather information from key stakeholders to aid in development of HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.
3. Secure buy-in from service providers to aid in engagement of individuals/families currently experiencing homelessness, at risk of experiencing homelessness, fleeing/attempting to flee DV, SA and/or HT, and others who may benefit from homelessness prevention programming.

Agenda

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| 1. Welcome & Meeting Purpose | 2 minutes |
| 2. Introductions | 10 minutes |
| 3. Project Overview (Presentation) | 15 minutes |
| 4. Discussion of Needs & Priorities | 60 minutes |
| 5. Closing & Next Steps | 3 minutes |

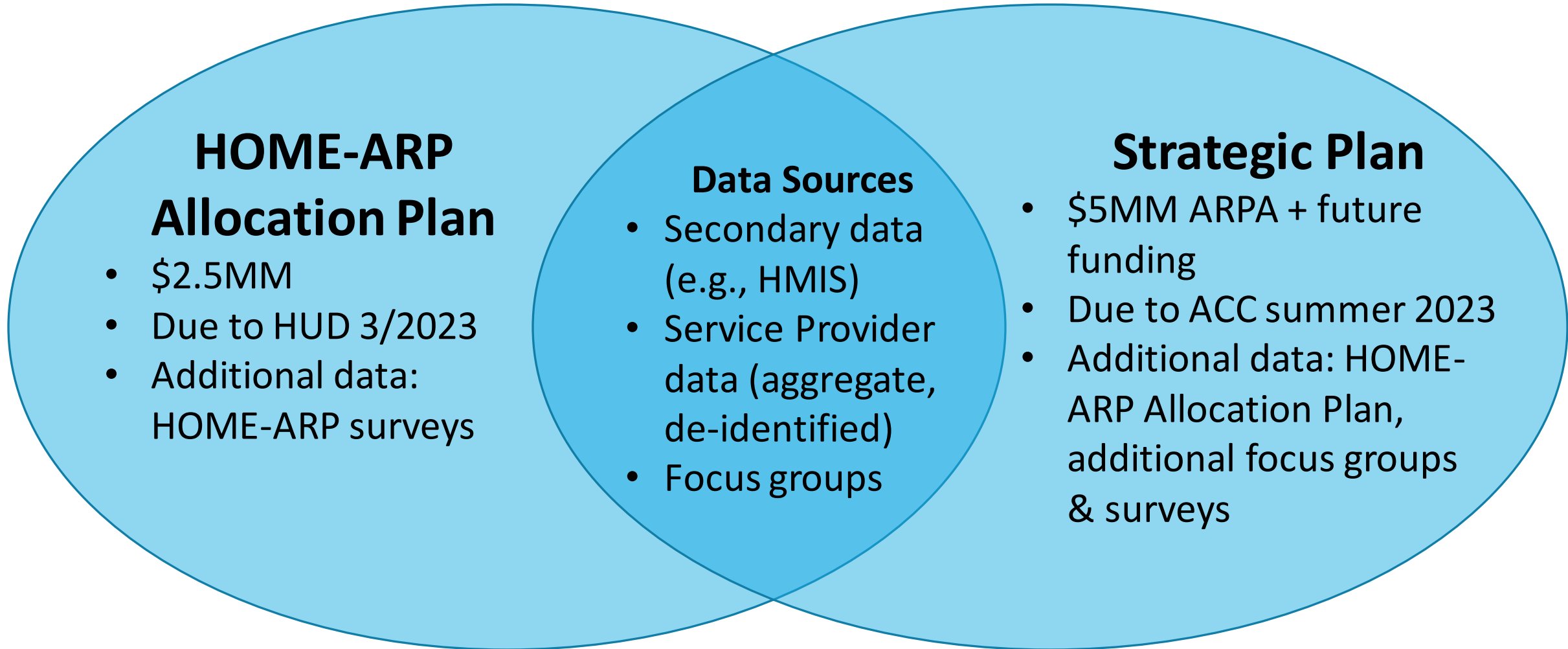
About HOME-American Rescue Plan

SEC. 3205. HOMELESSNESS ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM.

Provides \$5 billion of supplemental HOME funds to assist individuals or households who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and other vulnerable populations by providing housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter.

- **Athens-Clarke County is allocated \$2,506,309**
- ACCGov must submit HOME-ARP Allocation Plan by March 31, 2023
- Funds may be used to support specific populations via specific eligible activities
- All funds must be expended by Sept. 30, 2030

HOME-ARP & Strategic Plan Relationship



HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations

1. **Individuals experiencing homelessness.** "Homeless" is defined in 24 CFR 91.5 and generally refers to an individual or family who lacks a fixed nighttime residence.
2. **Individuals at risk of homelessness.** "At risk of homelessness" is defined in 24 CFR 91.5 and generally refers to an individual or family with incomes below 30% AMI who lacks the resources or networks to prevent them from moving into an emergency shelter.
3. **Persons fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking.** HUD defines this population as an individual or family who is fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking. These terms are defined in more detail in 24 CFR 5.2003.
4. **Other (as defined by HUD).** "Other" includes individuals and households who do not qualify under any of the qualifying populations above but are at greatest risk of housing instability.

More information on each of the qualifying populations is available in Notice CPD-21-10.

HOME-ARP Eligible Activities



Production or
Preservation of
Affordable
Rental Housing



Tenant-Based
Rental
Assistance
(TBRA)



Supportive
Services,
Homeless
Prevention
Services, and
Housing Counseling



Purchase and
Development of
Non-Congregate
Shelters



Nonprofit
Operating and
Capacity-
Building

HOME-ARP Eligible Activities



Affordable Rental Housing

- Acquire, rehabilitate, or build units targeted to qualifying populations. 70% of units assisted must be occupied by qualifying populations.



Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

- Similar to HOME TBRA but only qualifying populations may access HOME-ARP TBRA.



Supportive Services

- Broad range of supportive services to qualifying populations as described in **a)** section 401(29) of McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; **b)** homelessness prevention services in notice; and **c)** housing counseling services.

HOME-ARP Eligible Activities



Non-Congregate Shelter

- Acquire, rehabilitate, or build private units or rooms as temporary shelter; occupant not required to sign lease. For qualifying populations only.



Non-Profit Operating Support & Capacity-Building

- Limited to 10% and must be used to support organizations implementing HOME-ARP activities.

HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Process



Stakeholder
Consultation



Identify HOME-ARP
Activities



Identify Distribution
and Referral Methods



Needs
Assessment and
Gap Analysis



Identify Preferences
and Priorities



Draft Plan and Make
Available for Public
Comment

HOME-ARP Stakeholder Consultation

As part of Allocation Plan development, HUD requires consultation with:

- Continuums of Care (CoCs)
- Homeless service providers
- Victim service providers
- Veteran's groups
- Public Housing Agencies (PHAs)
- Public agencies that address needs of qualifying populations, including mainstream benefits systems
- Organizations that address civil rights, fair housing & needs of people with disabilities

HOME-ARP Stakeholder Consultation

- **Purpose:** Gather information to identify unmet needs & gaps, develop HOME-ARP priorities, and identify potential collaborations for HOME-ARP delivery.
- **Timing:** now - January 13, 2023

Service Providers & Other Stakeholders

Survey (now – 1/13/23)

Large-Group Discussions
(12/15/22 & 1/13/23)

Focus Groups (week of 1/9/23)

Members of HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations

Survey (now – 1/13/23)

Focus Groups and/or
Individual Interviews (week of 1/9/23)

HOME-ARP Public Comment Period

- **Purpose:** Provide stakeholders and larger community an opportunity to provide feedback and comments on plan, prior to acceptance by Mayor & Commission and submission to HUD.
- **Timing:** week of January 30, 2023 – March 7, 2023

SPs, QPs, Community

Draft of full plan & one-sheeter published (week of 1/30/23)

Online & phone comments on draft plan accepted (publication date – 2/17/23)

Community Forum (2/20/23)

Mayor & Commission Voting Session (3/7/23)

Stakeholder Survey: Sample Questions

- How would you describe the capacity challenges and needs of organizations working to provide shelter, services, and/or housing for the HOME-ARP qualifying populations? What capacity building supports would enable these organizations to expand shelter, services, and/or housing for the qualifying populations?
- Please rank the needs for the following HOME-ARP eligible activities for each of the 4 qualifying populations, on a scale of High, Medium and Low:
 - Affordable rental housing
 - Non-congregate shelter
 - Supportive services
 - Tenant-based rental assistance



Community Survey: Sample Questions

- What organizations or programs are you currently engaged with, or have engaged with in the past?
Select all that apply.
- What could local agencies do to make these services more accessible to people who need them?
- What other ideas do you have to help reduce & prevent homelessness in Athens?

**Please encourage your
current and former clients to
complete this survey!**



Discussion of Needs & Priorities

Prompt 1

What are the biggest risk factors for housing instability and maintaining permanent housing once attained?

Prompt 2

What kinds of services, shelter and housing exist in ACC for:

- Individuals experiencing homelessness.
- Individuals at risk of homelessness.
- Persons fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking.
- Others who don't qualify under any of the qualifying populations above but are at greatest risk of housing instability.

Prompt 2a

What services, shelter and housing *should* exist for:

- Individuals experiencing homelessness.
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Prompt 3

What services, shelter and housing *should* exist for:

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Prompt 4

How do people in these groups currently access services, shelter, housing?

- Individuals experiencing homelessness.
- Individuals at risk of homelessness.
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- Others who don't qualify under any of the qualifying populations above but are at greatest risk of housing instability.

Prompt 5

What barriers exist for each group to obtain stable housing?

- Individuals experiencing homelessness.
- Individuals at risk of homelessness.
- Persons fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking.
- Others who don't qualify under any of the qualifying populations above but are at greatest risk of housing instability.

Prompt 5

What are the most critical gaps and needs for our local service delivery system to be effective?

Prompt 5

Are there any populations or subgroups (e.g., families with children, transition-aged-youth) currently underserved by the system?

If so – what additional services would be beneficial for them?

Prompt 6

What needs do you have for building organizational capacity?

Prompt 7

How do providers collaborate with local government to fill gaps in services, shelter and/or housing?

Prompt 8

Of the eligible activities, what is your top priority for use of HOME-ARP dollars?



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Next Steps

1. Complete the HOME-ARP Service Provider survey – by 1/13/23
2. Encourage current & former clients to fill out the HOME-ARP Community Survey – by 1/13/23
3. Sign-up for focus groups - tentatively scheduled week of 1/9/23
4. Sign-up your organization as potential location for client interviews – tentatively scheduled week of 1/9/23
5. Mark your calendars:
 - Next large stakeholder discussion: FC-CIS Interagency Meeting – 1/13/23
 - Public comment period on draft – week of 1/30/23 - 3/7/23

Questions? Comments?

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