NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Bloomington HOME-ARP Allocation Plan & Eligible Activities

Pursuant to Section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2), funds have been appropriated to the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) to provide homelessness assistance and supportive services. The City of Bloomington is being allocated \$2,045,237 in funds through the HOME-ARP program by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD).

Activities that may be undertaken with HOME-ARP funds include:

- Administration and Planning
- Rental Housing Development
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
- Supportive Services
- Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter
- Nonprofit Operating and Capacity Building Assistance

All of the above activities must benefit people who fall into four qualifying populations as determined by HUD and the HOME-ARP program:

- 1. Homeless, as defined in 24 CFR 91.5 Homeless (1), (2) or (3);
- 2. A risk of homelessness, as defined in 24 CFR 91.5 At risk of homelessness;
- 3. Fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking as defined by HUD.
- 4. Other populations where providing supportive services or assistance under Section 212(a) of the National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA) (42 USC 12742(a)) would prevent the family's homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability. HUD defines these populations as individuals and households who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet other criteria.

The City will hold a public hearing on Monday, Feb. 6, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, 401 N. Morton St., Bloomington, IN. The purpose of the hearing is to explain HOME-ARP eligible activities, the qualifying populations that can be assisted with the funds and to accept public comment on the development of the plan for the expenditure of HOME-ARP funds. The hearing is also available at the following Zoom link for the regularly-scheduled Bloomington Redevelopment Commission meeting that can be found here:

https://bloomington.zoom.us/j/89465223713?pwd=WFV1ekFWcG4wSU9MQ2l1NTFrTXFOUT09 Meeting ID: 894 6522 3713 Passcode: 773280

Comments not able to be submitted during the public hearing may be submitted to the attention of John Zody at <u>hand@bloomington.in.gov</u>, or by calling 812.349.3420. Comments must be received by 5:00 pm on March 20, 2023. If calling, please indicate you would like to submit public comment for the HOME-ARP plan. Comments submitted via e-mail should contain "HOME-ARP Comment" in the subject line.

A brief report on the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan will also be given at the meeting of the Bloomington Common Council on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., located on Zoom and at City Hall, 401 N. Morton St., Bloomington, IN. At this time, information will be provided on how to provide additional public comments on the plan. The Zoom link will be available at https://bloomington.in.gov/council/meetings/2023.

The City of Bloomington will make reasonable accommodations and services necessary for citizens with disabilities at the public meeting. Interpretation services will be offered upon request and availability. Persons requiring such accommodations/services should contact the City at least five working days in advance of a scheduled meeting.

The notice should appear in the newspaper on Friday, February 3, 2023.

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