

HOME-ARP: Supportive Services | Staff Summary

Funding Focus & Fit: HOME-ARP Supportive Services funding will be awarded to eligible organizations whose primary mission and services focus on homeless prevention and long-term housing stabilization. The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan submitted to HUD states “Priority will be given to organizations that work collaboratively across the Fort Collins community to provide supportive services to all HUD-targeted qualifying populations.”

Evaluation Method & Priorities (per Application Guide): In the event there are more requests than available funds, priority will be given to applications in the following order:

1. Tier 1: First consideration to applicants that work collaboratively across the Fort Collins community to provide supportive services to all qualifying populations.
2. Tier 2: Applications that limit funding to specific targeted populations and/or households enrolled in programs with limited capacity.

Request #	Agency	Request Title	Total Request	Priority Tier
SS-3	Homeward Alliance	Housing Navigation	\$200,000	1
SS-4	Neighbor to Neighbor	Housing Navigation	\$200,000	1
Total Priority Tier 1 Response Costs			\$400,000	
SS-1	Catholic Charities	Samaritan House FC Homelessness Assistance	\$103,233.35	2
SS-2	Crossroads Safehouse	Road to Home	\$115,000	2
Total Priority Tier 2 Response Costs			\$218,233.35	
Total Request Costs			\$618,233.35	
HUD Allocation:			\$400,000	

SS-1 Priority Tier 2	Catholic Charities Samaritan House FC Homelessness Assistance	\$103,233.35 Requested
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Funding is for Catholic Charities Samaritan House Fort Collins which provides emergency shelter for individuals and households experiencing homelessness. Within the shelter, clients may be selected to participate in the 24/7 extended stay shelter program where they receive resource navigation and work with a case manager to identify barriers to stable housing. Over a 120-day period, clients will work on resolving those barriers, including obtaining income, supportive services, and housing search assistance to allow them to move into housing upon program completion. Clients are selected to enter the extended stay program based on the availability of a case manager, space in the shelter, and client needs.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shelter staff (90% for caseworker salary and benefits, 10% indirect costs) 	<u>Request</u> \$103,233.35	<u>Eligible</u> \$103,233.35
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Staff Evaluation & HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Alignment:

- Does not meet the stated priority preference for organizations that work collaboratively across the community to provide supportive services to all qualifying populations.
- Program provides services to one of the specific targeted populations – Homeless (McKinney-Vento definition). *Note: applicant selected that they serve all qualifying populations in the application, however, agency clarified that while clients may fit under another qualifying population, they must be homeless or unhoused to receive shelter services.*
- 100 unduplicated individuals/households will receive the services of a shelter case-manager. Applicant expects that 50-60% of those served will move into housing.
- This funding would provide no direct financial assistance to clients. Applicant has indicated that through other grant funding, some clients may be eligible (must meet the grant’s eligibility requirements) to receive financial assistance to cover the costs of some expenses such as application fees, deposits, and first-month’s rental costs.
- Organization works collaboratively across the community to receive referrals from other entities; however, clients must currently be experiencing homelessness to receive services. Program will not serve unhoused clients who are not staying in the shelter.
- Shelter clients can be referred to either of the Priority 1 applicants to receive assistance.
- Organization has previous experience managing federal CDBG- or HOME-funded activities.
- Staff have mild concerns related to performance if applicant were to receive funding from this grant. Prior history has included returned/unexpended funds of special funding awarded for Covid Relief with the CDBG-CV funding.

SS-2 Priority Tier 2	Crossroads Safehouse Road to Home	\$115,000 Requested
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Funding is for Crossroads Safehouse’s Road to Home (RTH), a rapid re-housing program, serving individuals and families who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking who are experiencing homelessness or face housing instability as a result of abuse. RTH participants occupy a wing within the shelter where they receive a broad spectrum of financial and supportive services that are aimed at shepherding victims through their transition from homelessness to permanent housing. Participants benefit from intensive and extended case management services from the beginning of the housing search process, through lease up, and for 24 months after becoming housed (program duration is typically 18 months up to 3 years). Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) is used to prioritize clients based on their level of vulnerability and housing needs.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct client assistance: primarily housing related expenses crucial for maintaining stable housing Partial salary for part-time bilingual housing advocate 	<u>Request</u> \$100,000 \$15,000	<u>Eligible</u> \$100,00 \$15,000
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Staff Evaluation & HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Alignment:

- Does not meet the stated priority preference for organizations that work collaboratively across the community to provide supportive services to all qualifying populations.
- Program provides services to one of the specific targeted populations – fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, as defined by HUD.
- Funds will directly support housing stabilization for 6 new unduplicated individuals/households.
- This is a longer-term housing assistance program than is being proposed by either of the Priority 1 applications.
- Organization works collaboratively across the community to receive referrals from other entities. Only those persons fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking would be served by this program.
- Road to Home participants can be referred to either of the Priority 1 applicants to receive assistance.
- Organization has previous experience managing federal CDBG- or HOME-funded activities.
- Staff have no concerns related to organization, this request, or prior performance.

SS-3 Priority Tier 1	Homeward Alliance Housing Navigation	\$200,000 Requested
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Funding will expand existing services, enabling Homeward Alliance (HWA) to provide more comprehensive support and follow-up to assist participating households experiencing homelessness move into permanent housing and, for those who are precariously housed and at high-risk of homelessness, regain stability in their permanent housing. All participating individuals/households will receive case management, work with staff to create a housing action plan, and receive direct assistance for unmet financial needs to address barriers that prevent them from obtaining housing. While clients can be served by the organization indefinitely, service length from this request may vary from 3 months to 1 year (monthly check-ins may continue longer). For this funding opportunity, Homeward Alliance has collaborated with Neighbor to Neighbor to prevent duplication of housing navigation services with HWA focusing activities on households with higher vulnerabilities/barriers.

	<u>Request</u>	<u>Eligible</u>
• Direct client assistance: housing related expenses need to obtain housing or stabilize in existing housing	\$140,000	\$140,000
• Salary and benefits for two 0.5 FT (1 FTE total) Housing Specialists	\$60,000	\$60,000

Staff Evaluation & HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Alignment:

- Meets the stated priority preference for organizations that work collaboratively across the community to provide supportive services to all qualifying populations.
- Funds will directly support housing stabilization for 30 new unduplicated individuals/households.
- Organization works collaboratively across the community to receive referrals from other entities.
- Organization has previous experience managing federal CDBG- or HOME-funded activities.
- Staff have no concerns related to organization, this request, or prior performance.

SS-4 Priority Tier 1	Neighbor to Neighbor Housing Navigation	\$200,000 Requested
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Funding is for Neighbor to Neighbor’s (N2N) Housing Search Assistant Case Management program, a sub-program of N2N’s Housing Solutions Program and will allow N2N to make a one-time investment to stabilize vulnerable clients with move-in assistance and secure stable housing. N2N’s Housing Search Assistance (HSA) case manager works alongside their caseload of families to secure stable housing, specifically for individuals/households experiencing homelessness and housing instability. Most clients who receive HSA case management are moved into housing within 6 weeks of starting the process and will receive ongoing support for up to 3 months after securing housing. For this funding opportunity, Neighbor to Neighbor has collaborated with Homeward Alliance to prevent duplication of housing navigation services with N2N focusing activities on households with fewer vulnerabilities/barriers. N2N’s HSA program receives move-in assistance referrals through a coordinated process between Homeward Alliance, Housing Catalyst, Catholic Charities, Crossroads Safehouse, and N2N, as well as other housing providers.

	<u>Request</u>	<u>Eligible</u>
• Direct client assistance: housing related expenses needed to obtain housing or stabilize in existing housing	\$145,000	\$145,000
• 60% of salary for Housing Navigation Case Worker	\$55,000	\$55,000

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- Funds will directly support housing stabilization for 30 new unduplicated individuals/households.
- Organization works collaboratively across the community to receive referrals from other entities.
- Organization has previous experience managing federal CDBG- or HOME-funded activities.
- Staff have no concerns related to organization, this request, or prior performance.