



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

City Council

STAFF

Beth Rosen, Grants Compliance and Policy Manager
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SUBJECT

First Reading of Ordinance No. 109, 2022, Making a Supplemental Appropriation of HOME Investment Partnership Program - American Rescue Plan Act Funding from the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to appropriate \$2,628,410 in HOME Investment Partnership Program – American Rescue Plan funds received from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinance on First Reading.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) into law, enabling over \$1.9 trillion in relief to address the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals and businesses.

ARPA appropriated \$5 billion to help communities provide housing, shelter and services for people experiencing homelessness and other qualifying populations. These funds are administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the HOME Investment Partnership Program – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) to be used for individuals and families from the following qualifying populations:

- homeless, at-risk of homelessness;
- fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking;
- other populations where provision of assistance would prevent homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability; and
- veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meet one of the preceding criteria.

HOME-ARP funds can be used for four eligible activities, which include:

1. Production or preservation of affordable housing
2. Tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA)
3. Provision of supportive services, including homeless prevention services
4. Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter

As a HOME program participating jurisdiction, the City of Fort Collins received a HOME-ARP Award of \$2,628,410 to benefit qualifying populations in our community. This amount is in addition to the annual allocation of HOME funds the City receives from HUD.

Once appropriated, these funds will be allocated through a Competitive Process according to the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. Approximately \$228,000 of the funds will be used in 2022 to cover the City's administrative costs to administer the funding program. Funding recommendations for specific projects and programs will be presented to City Council by the Human Services and Housing Funding Board in 2023. All funding must be expended, and all projects completed, no later than June 30, 2030.

CITY FINANCIAL IMPACTS

This will increase the City's total available HOME funding for the 2022-2023 fiscal year from \$803,409 to \$3,431,819. These funds will provide additional capacity for the City to address critical housing needs for persons experiencing homelessness and persons at risk of homelessness.

BOARD / COMMISSION / COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

None.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Ordinance for Consideration
2. Award Letter