



Council Agenda Summary

March 7, 2023

Key Staff Contact: Benjamin Snow, Economic Health & Housing Director

Title:

Public hearing to consider a motion to approve the Allocation Plan for HOME Investment Partnership Program-American Rescue Plan grant from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Summary:

In September 2021, the City of Greeley was allocated \$1,481,453 in U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds. The funds, a part of the American Rescue Plan and identified as HOME-ARP, must be applied for by the City by March 31, 2023. The attached Allocation Plan serves as the application. This meeting of the Greeley City Council is a public hearing.

HOME-ARP funds can only be used for the following activity groups, with many more restrictions within each type of activity:

- Administration and Planning (maximum 15%)
- Acquisition, rehabilitation, or construction of affordable rental housing primarily for occupancy by households of individuals and families that meet the definition of one or more of the qualifying populations
- Purchase and development of Non-Congregate Shelter
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance
- Supportive services to qualifying individuals or families

The American Rescue Plan requires that the grant funds be used to primarily benefit individuals and families in program-defined “qualifying populations”, as follows, again with additional requirements/definitions under each:

- The homeless
- Persons at risk of homelessness
- Persons fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
- Other populations where providing supportive services or assistance would prevent homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability

While Veterans and families that include a Veteran family member are not a specific qualifying population category, HUD made specific, separate notation that if a Veteran or family that includes a Veteran family member meets the criteria for one of the “qualifying populations” named above, they are eligible to receive HOME-ARP assistance.

The draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is attached. As with all HUD Plans, it had to be offered to the public for comment, including a 15-day comment period and at least one public hearing; the City will hold two public hearings. The public comment period has expired; any comments received are noted below. The first public hearing was held by the Greeley Urban Renewal Authority, who recommended that City Council approve the Allocation Plan. (Any public hearing comments are also included below.) Following approval by the City Council, the Allocation Plan will be entered into HUD's Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS) for review and approval. Activities can be implemented following HUD's Plan approval.

Fiscal Impact:

Does this item create a fiscal impact on the City of Greeley?	Yes
If yes, what is the initial, or, onetime impact?	Estimated at \$1,481,453
What is the source of revenue within the fund?	U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development
Is there grant funding for this item?	Yes
If yes, does this grant require a match?	No
Is this grant onetime or ongoing?	One-Time

Legal Issues:

Consideration of this matter is a legislative process which includes the following public hearing steps:

- 1) City staff presentation (if requested)
- 2) Council questions of staff
- 3) Public input (hearing opened, testimony - up to three minutes per person, hearing closed)
- 4) Council discussion
- 5) Council decision

Strategic Focus Area:



Community Vitality



Housing for All

Decision Options:

1. Approve the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan as presented; or
2. Request changes to the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and then adopt with changes; or
3. Continue consideration of the items to the next regular Council meeting, understanding the Allocation Plan has to be received by HUD by March 31, 2023 to be considered.

Council's Recommended Action:

A motion to approve the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan for submittal to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Attachments:

- HOME-ARP Allocation Plan