



**City of Joplin, Missouri
Community Development Block Grant
And HOME Partnership
Investment Program**

**FY2021
ACTION PLAN
Substantial Amendment**

HOME-ARP Description:

The HOME-ARP program, appropriated under section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2), awarded \$1,736,017.00 to the Joplin HOME Consortium. The intent of the HOME-ARP program is to provide jurisdictions resources to address the needs of homeless and those at risk of homelessness, by providing shelter and housing to eligible populations. This is not an income qualifying program, and eligible beneficiaries are determined by the following definitions:

- Homeless, as defined in section 103(a) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act ([42 U.S.C. 11302\(a\)](#));
- At-risk of homelessness, as defined in section 401(1) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act ([42 U.S.C. 11360\(1\)](#));
- Fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, as defined by the Secretary;
- In other populations where providing supportive services or assistance under section 212(a) of the Act ([42 U.S.C. 12742\(a\)](#)) would prevent the family's homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability;
- Veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meet one of the preceding criteria.

Similarly, eligible activities are limited to those targeted to qualifying populations. Eligible activities include:

- Production or rehabilitation of affordable rental properties. 15-year deed restriction and leases are required. Applicant must demonstrate feasibility and sustainability of the development for 15-year compliance period despite tenants having presumed little to no income. Therefore, if vouchers or other means to guarantee rent is paid is unavailable, HOME-ARP funded reserve to pay rent for the units is an eligible use.
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) – qualifying populations approved through Coordinated Entry by the Homeless Coalition.
- Supportive Services, Homeless Prevention Services, and Housing Counseling – beneficiaries must be a qualifying population but not required to be in a HOME-ARP funded unit.
- Purchase and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter. Shelter units can eventually be converted to permanent housing after 15-year deed restriction is released.

HOME-ARP Allocation Process

The following allocation process is in conformity with the Entitlement Program Citizen Participation Plan and the HOME-ARP regulations as outlined in CPD-2021-10. The Citizen participation plan requires to legally advertised public meetings and a resolution adopted by council to submit plan to Housing and Urban Development.

Required Agency Consultation

Homelessness Providers, specifically the Continuum of Care
Domestic Violence Providers
Public Housing Authorities
Joplin HOME Consortium

Gap Analysis Required to Identify Highest Need of Eligible activities.

Timeline:

May 9th, 2022 – Gap analysis completed and presented to the Continuum of Care at the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Homeless Coalition. Gap analysis verified by homelessness providers and formulation of allocation plan template commenced.

Open door invitation made to interested parties in applying for funds once notice of availability advertised. Open door consultation with interested parties began to establish the requirements of the program well in advance of application opportunity.

Draft Allocation Plan presented to Joplin HOME Consortium meeting held on August 11th, 2022 in Joplin City Hall to all Consortium Members Present.

September 19th, 2022 Allocation Plan is presented to Joplin City Council to pass resolution to submit Allocation Plan to Housing and Urban Development.

Once grant agreement signed, Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) will be published for homelessness providers to apply.

NOFA Requirements

Equal opportunity for qualified agencies to apply for funds. Awards made must be prioritized based on highest needs identified in the gap analysis and highest need qualifying populations.

Rank and Review Committee format, consisting of homelessness agency representatives not applying for funds, will be used to score published criteria for application and the requirements of the program to allocate and award funds. Committee to be formed at time of NOFA publication.