

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

VOTE

Authorizing the approval and submission of an amendment to the Federal Fiscal Year 2021-2022 City of Lowell Annual Action Plan to include HOME Investment Partnership Program-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funding totaling \$3,107,198.

In May 2021, the City of Lowell submitted a Federal Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

The Federal Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan calls for the expenditure of \$3,293,293 in funding for the period beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022; and

The Department of Planning and Development seeks to amend its 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan to include HOME Investment Partnership Program-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funding totaling \$3,107,198, as more fully described in Exhibit "A".

BE IT VOTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL, as follows:

That the City Council of the City of Lowell hereby authorizes an amendment to the Federal Fiscal Year 2021-2022 City of Lowell Annual Action Plan to include HOME Investment Partnership Program-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funding totaling \$3,107,198, all in accordance with Exhibit "A" which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Exhibit “A”
CITY OF LOWELL
NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO
FY 2021 – 2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

The City of Lowell is amending its FY 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan as follows:

Amend Fy2021 Action Plan and Fy2020-24 Consolidated Plan, which will

Include information for HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Notice.

The City of Lowell will receive HOME Investment Partnership Program-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funding totaling \$ 3,107,198. The HOME-ARP funds are provided through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and are to primarily benefit individuals and families in the following four qualifying populations:

- *Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5
- *At risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5
- *Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking or Human Trafficking (referred herein as domestic violence/sexual assault/trafficking):
- *Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the

Following criteria:

- *Other families requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness
- *Those at greater risk of housing instability

Eligible activities include development and support of affordable housing, tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA), supportive services and acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units.

Proposed HOME ARP spending

Use of HOME Funding	Funding Amount	Percent of Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$641,119		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$0		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$0		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$2,000,000		
Non-Profit Operating	\$0	0%	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$0	0%	5%
Administration and Planning	\$466,079	15%	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$3,107,198		

As a requirement of the funding opportunity, the City of Lowell must submit an amendment for the FY2021 Action Plan and FY2020-24 Consolidated Plan that will include an Allocation Plan for the HOME ARP to outline the use of funding. A draft of the allocation plan was made available for review beginning Monday 3/6/2023 at the Lowell Public Library and the Lowell City Hall. Comments and questions may be emailed to pferreira@lowellma.gov or calls may be made to 978-674-1414. Written comments should be submitted to the City of Lowell, c/o Department of Planning and Development 50 Arcand Drive Lowell, Ma. 01852. All comments and questions should be submitted by 12:00 p.m. (noon) Wednesday 3/22/2023 Comments will be documented and incorporated into the allocation plan.

Comments concerning this amendment may be addressed to:

Philip Ferreira, Housing and Energy Programs Director
Department of Planning and Development,
JFK Civic Center
50 Arcand Drive, 2nd Floor
Lowell, MA 01852
pferreira@lowellma.gov



Thomas A. Golden Jr.
City Manager

March 8, 2023

Mayor Sokhary Chau
And
Members of the Lowell City Council

Dear Mayor Chau and Members of the Lowell City Council,

The Department of Planning and Development is amending its 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan to include HOME Investment Partnership Program-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funding totaling \$3,107,198.

The funds, once received will be to benefit individuals and families in the following four qualifying populations:

- Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5
- At risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5
- Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking or Human Trafficking (referred herein as domestic violence/sexual assault/trafficking):
- Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the

DPD will submit the HOME-ARP plan to HUD for their approval by March 31, 2023, once approved by HUD funds will be made available to the city.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Golden Jr.

cc: Yovani Baez-Rose, Assistant City Manager/DPD Director