



# HOME-ARP Question and Answer Session

TOPICS: Qualifying Populations, Preferences,  
Referral Methods, and Substantial Amendments

# Presenters

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# HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Updates

- 648 PJs eligible for HOME-ARP allocation

• Allocation plans were submitted	643	99%
• PJs declined HOME-ARP funds	5	<1%
• Accepted allocation plans	615	95%
• Plans in the resubmit or review	28	4%

- Planned use of funds based on accepted plans:

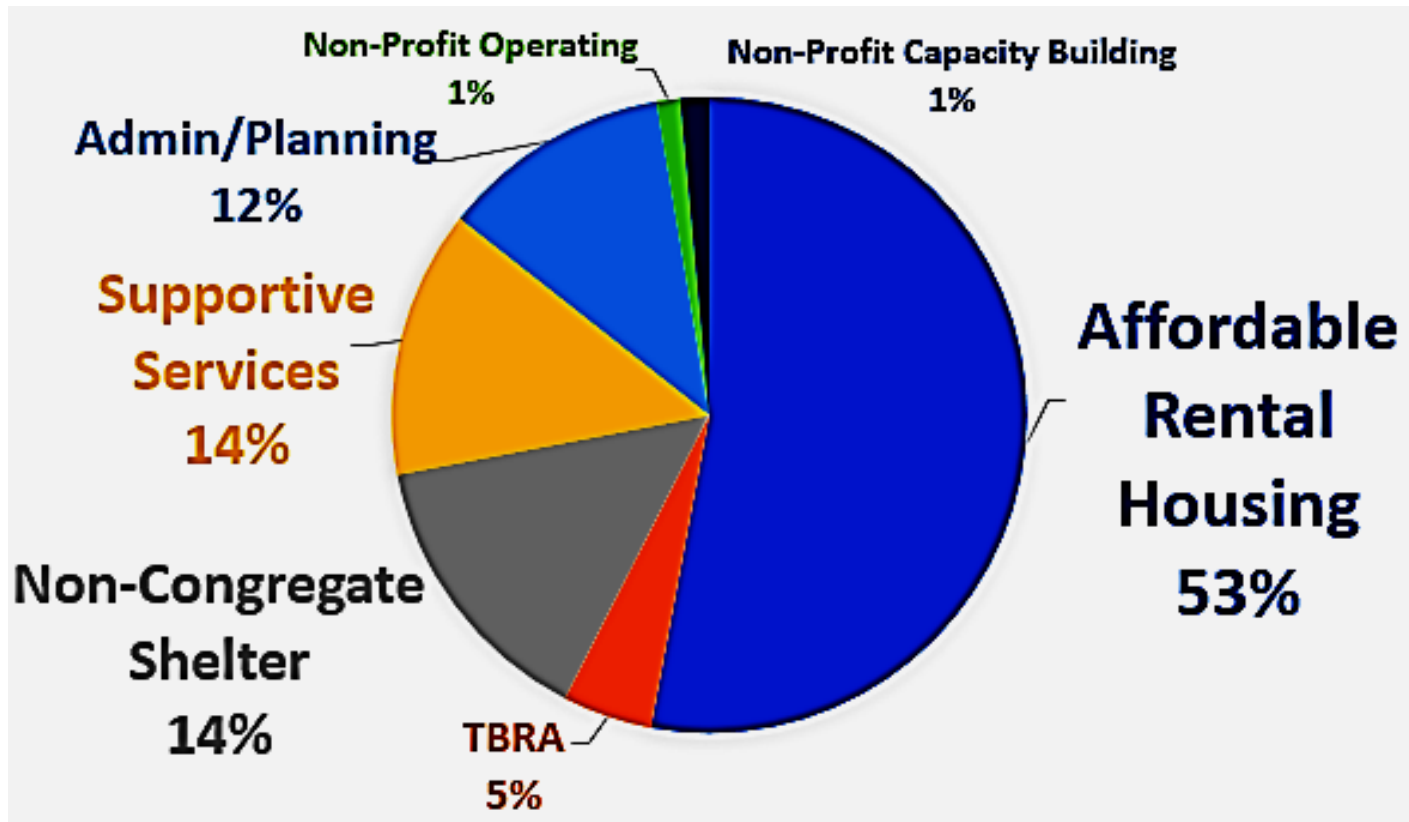
• Affordable rental housing	\$2,367,824,847	53%
• Non-congregate shelter	\$648,404,927	14%
• Supportive services	\$607,607,167	14%
• TBRA	\$203,597,370	5%

\*as of October 17, 2023



# How PJs Plan to Use HOME-ARP Funds

## Distribution of HOME-ARP Funds by Activity



### Housing Goals

- 21,672 Units Produced
- 23,805 Units Supported

Note: Data reflect plans as reported by PJs in their Allocation Plans. Data are current as of October 17, 2023, and include data for 615 PJs with accepted plans as of that date.



# Today's Q&A Topics

The Q&A session will follow a high-level overview of:

- Qualifying populations
- Preferences, limitations, and methods of prioritization
- Referral methods
- Substantial amendments



# Qualifying Populations

Funds must primarily benefit eligible “qualifying populations”:

- Homeless
- At-risk of homelessness
- Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual violence, stalking, or human trafficking
- Other populations for whom supportive services or assistance would prevent the family’s homelessness or serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability

\* Veterans and families that include a veteran member that meet one of the preceding criteria



# Preferences, Limitations, and Methods of Prioritization

- **Preferences** establish order in which applicants are admitted to project or activity by providing priority in selection of applicants among QPs (e.g., homeless QP) or subpopulation within a QP (e.g., persons with disabilities within one or more QPs).
- **Limitations** exclude certain QPs or subpopulations of QPs from eligibility for a project or activity.
- **Method of prioritization** (MOP) is process used to determine how two or more eligible QP applicants who qualify for the same or different preferences are selected for HOME-ARP assistance
  - Cannot have MOP without preference(s).
  - CEs implement MOPs.



# HOME-ARP Referral Methods

- Preferences, MOPs, and limitations affect permissible referral methods for projects and activities
- PJs must also take differences between HOME ARP QP definitions and similar definitions used in other HUD programs into account.
  - CoC CE must be being expanded/augmented because:
    - CEs don't include all QPs; all QPs must have access to HOME-ARP
    - CEs employ MOP which: 1) implement preferences; and 2) may not be the preferences or MOP the PJ adopted for HOME-ARP





# HOME-ARP Referral Methods

- **Project/Activity-Specific Waiting Lists**
  - Can be used with or without preferences
  - Can be used with limitations
  - All qualifying households that apply are placed on list. Applicants are:
    - Selected in chronological order of application; OR
    - Selected consistent with any preference or MOP established for project
- In absence of preferences, this is default referral method and applicants are selected in chronological order
  - CE and other agencies can refer clients to the waiting list



# HOME-ARP Referral Methods

- **Expanded Coordinated Entry** - PJ can contract with CE or CEs operating within its boundaries to accept applications and refer clients to HOME-ARP projects/activities only if:
  - CE expands to accept all HOME-ARP QPs
  - It applies the preferences and prioritization established in the PJ's HOME-ARP allocation plan
- **Coordinated Entry with Other Referral Methods** – PJ can use CE for certain QPs and supplement with referrals from other agencies or project-specific waiting lists to ensure access to all QPs



# Substantial Amendments

- A substantial amendment to the HOME-ARP allocation plan is required if:
  - A PJ changes the method of distributing funds;
  - To carry out an activity not previously described;
  - To change the purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries of an activity; and,
  - **To add new preferences not previously described in the plan.**
- Substantial amendment is not required to describe individual projects if the eligible activity is included in the plan.
- PJs must make the proposed substantial amendment available to the public and provide for a 15-day public comment period prior to submission.
- Substantial amendment must be submitted to HUD for review.



# HOME-ARP TA Sessions

- Implementation Clinics
  - Virtual Clinics – 20 deliveries covering substantial amendments, preferences, QPs, policies and procedures
    - Will include activity-specific clinics
    - Began in October
  - Up to 43 in-person clinics focusing on specific activities and policies and procedures
    - At least one delivery in each HUD region addressing each of the 4 activities
    - Expected to begin in March
  - Written products and tools under development for use in clinics



# Written HOME-ARP Guidance

- Upcoming Written TA Products
  - Non-Congregate Shelter: Due diligence considerations for acquiring properties
  - Property standards/housing quality standards/ property and habitability standards
  - QP eligibility/record keeping and supporting documentation requirements
  - Project file checklists and sample QP eligibility forms
  - TBRA Sponsor checklists
  - Capacity Assessment for Community Development Executives
  - Elected Official Series:
    - Timely Expenditures
    - Qualifying Populations (QPs)
    - Keeping Stakeholders Engaged



# Written HOME-ARP Guidance

Written resources on the HUD Exchange HOME-ARP Page:

- [HOME-ARP Effective Administration of Funds Handout](#)
- [Introduction to HOME-ARP for CoCs](#)
- [HOME PJ-CoC Crosswalk](#)
- [HOME-ARP Eligible Activities - CoC/ESG Housing and Services Crosswalk](#)
- [HOME-ARP in HEROS Tutorial: TBRA and Supportive Service Activities](#)
- [HOME-ARP Part 58 Environmental Review Checklists](#)
- [HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations - CoC/ESG Eligible Participants Crosswalk](#)
- [HOME-ARP Referral Methods and Coordinated Entry Resources](#)



# Written HOME-ARP Guidance

Written resources on the HUD Exchange HOME-ARP Page:

- [HOME-ARP Eligible Activities - TBRA & CoC RRH Crosswalk](#)
- [HOME-ARP Guide to ESG for PJs Developing NCS](#)
- [HOME-ARP NCS: Eligible Costs Handout](#)
- [HOME-ARP Nonprofit Operating and Capacity Building Assistance Guide and Written Agreement Checklist](#)
- [HOME-ARP Project & Activity Funding - Homeless Housing and Services Funding Crosswalk](#)
- [HOME-ARP Sponsor Role in TBRA Fact Sheet](#)
- [Housing Counselor Certification Final Rule Requirements for HOME-ARP](#)

*Note: Pre-recorded HOME-ARP webinars are also available on the HUD Exchange, HOME-ARP page: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/home-arp/>*



# HOME-ARP IDIS Guidance

## HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

- [Allocation Plan Submission Requirement FAQs](#)
- [HOME-ARP Allocation Plan E-Tutorial](#)

## HOME-ARP TBRA

- [IDIS for TBRA Activities Webinar](#)
- [IDIS for TBRA Activities Fact Sheet](#)

## HOME-ARP Supportive Services

- [IDIS for Supportive Services Activities Webinar](#)
- [IDIS for Supportive Services Activities Fact Sheet](#)

## HOME-ARP NCS

- [HOME-ARP 101: NCS Basics Webinar](#)
- [IDIS for NCS Activities Webinar](#)
- [IDIS for NCS Activities Fact Sheet](#)

## HOME-ARP Rental and Rental Operating – coming soon

- Webinar
- Fact Sheet

## HOME-ARP Reports– coming soon

- Webinar
- Fact Sheet

## [HOME-ARP IDIS e-Tutorials](#)

## [Ask an IDIS Question](#)

[HOMEARP@hud.gov](mailto:HOMEARP@hud.gov)





# HOME-ARP Assistance

- Quarterly Office Hours – Topical with Q&A beginning in FY 2024
- [HOMEARP@hud.gov](mailto:HOMEARP@hud.gov) remains available for questions
- Receive program updates and news about upcoming HOME-ARP trainings: [HOME-ARP Mailing List](#)
- Direct TA available to HOME PJs, as appropriate
  - PJs or Field Offices can request TA through the TA portal on the HUD Exchange





# Questions?