

CITY OF ALBANY HOME-ARP

HOME - American Rescue Plan funding Public Hearing

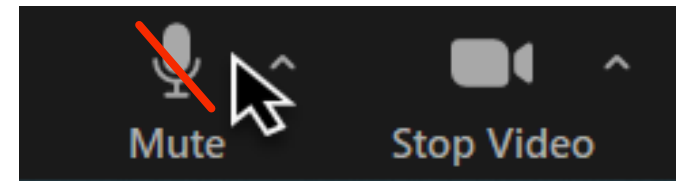
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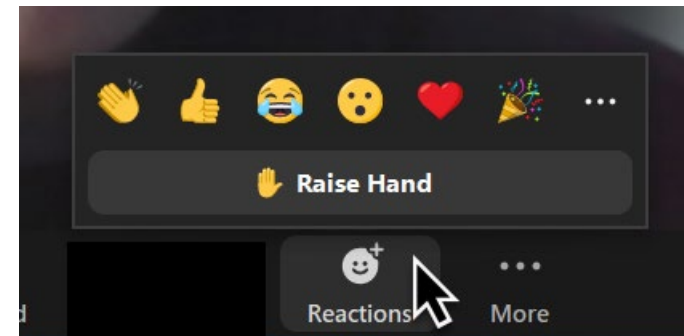
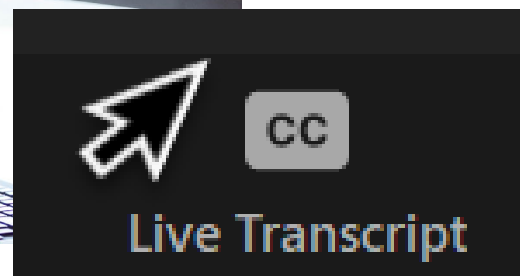
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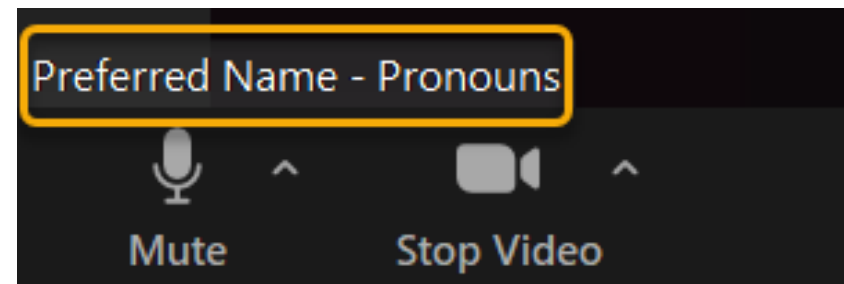
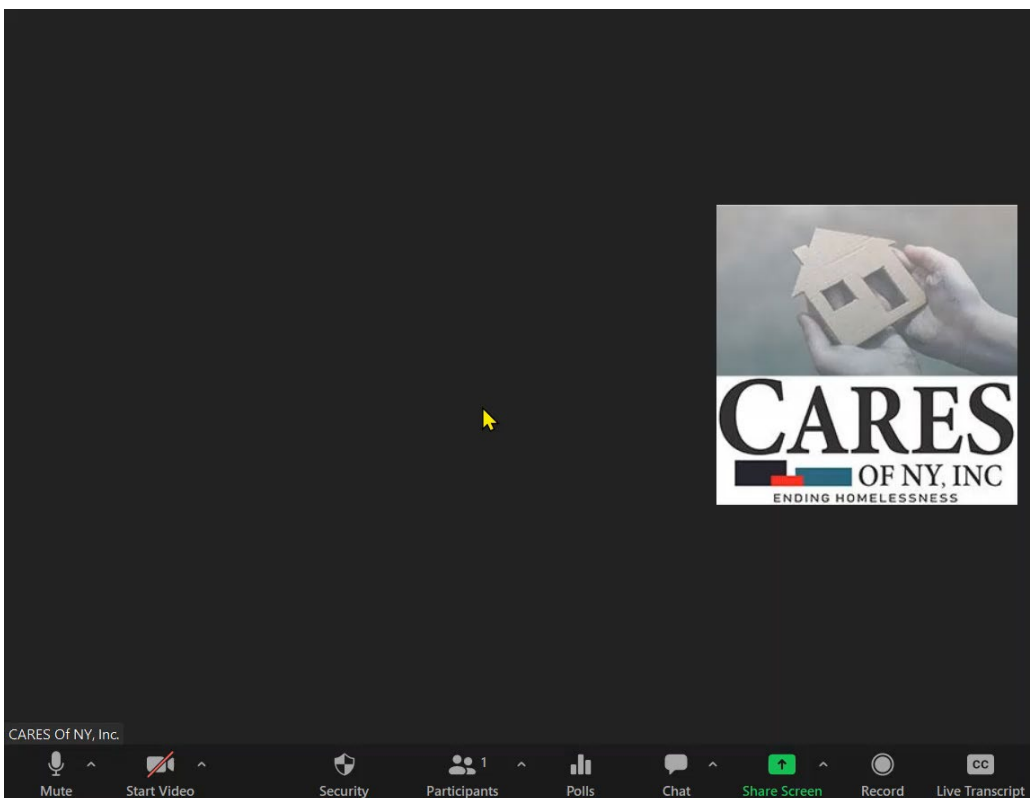


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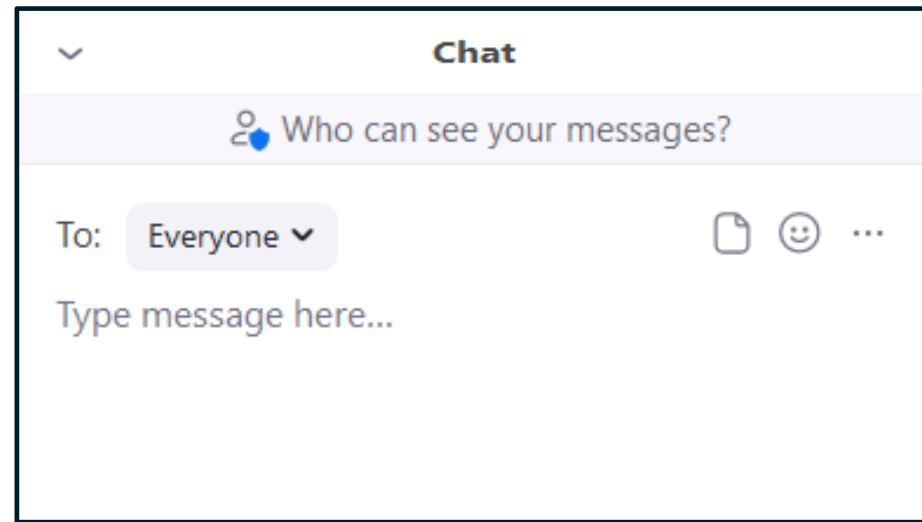
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PURPOSE OF THIS PRESENTATION

Our goal:

- Provide information about the HOME-ARP program
- Discuss recommendations for use of funding based on collected data and feedback.

Our ask of you:

- Review the information
- Ask questions
- Provide feedback

PRESENTATION AGENDA

- HOME-ARP Program Overview
- Review Draft Recommendations for Funds
- Questions & Feedback

HOME-ARP PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) provides \$5 billion nationally to assist individuals or households who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations, by providing housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter, to **reduce homelessness** and **increase housing stability** across the country.



The City of Albany - Albany Community Development Agency (ACDA) has been allocated **\$3.3 million dollars** through this program.

HOME-ARP program activities are funded through
2030



HOME-ARP PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Eligible Activities

Development of Shelters with Individual Units

- to provide emergency housing for persons experiencing homelessness.

Affordable Housing Development

- to provide more affordable housing.

Tenant Based Rental Assistance

- to provide financial rental support. (i.e.: rent, security deposits, utility deposits, utility costs)

Support Services

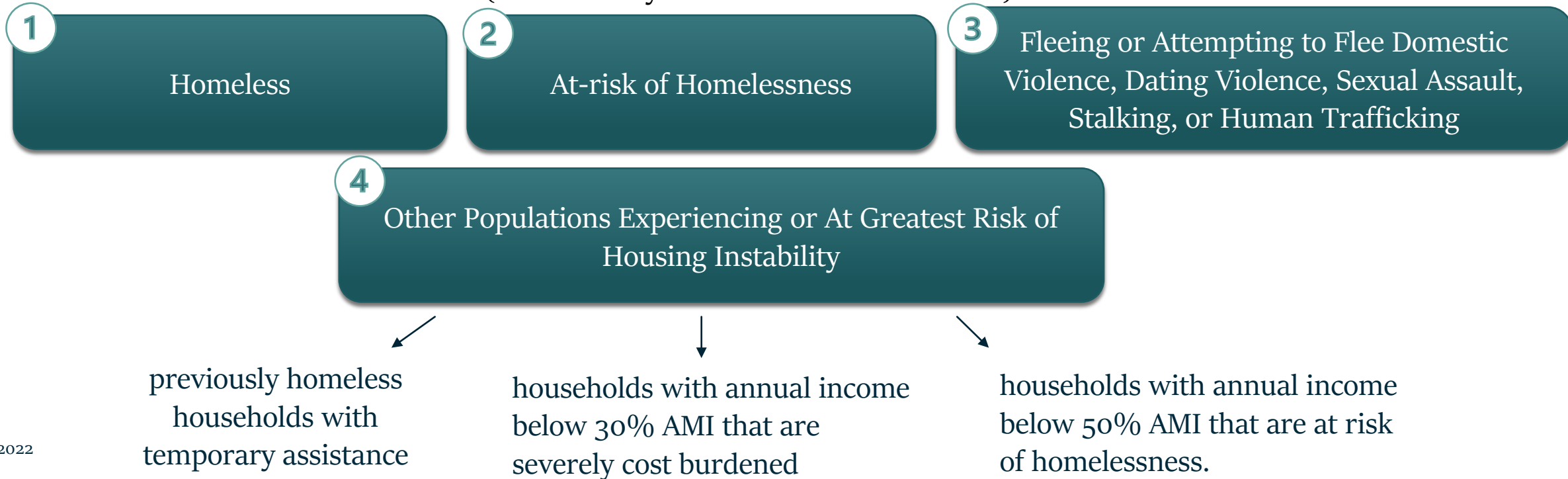
- to ensure ongoing stable housing (including eviction prevention).

HOME-ARP PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Qualifying Populations

HOME-ARP funds can be used to support any of the following qualifying populations

(as defined by HUD in HOME-ARP Notice)



ALLOCATION PLAN REQUIREMENTS

Community Consultation

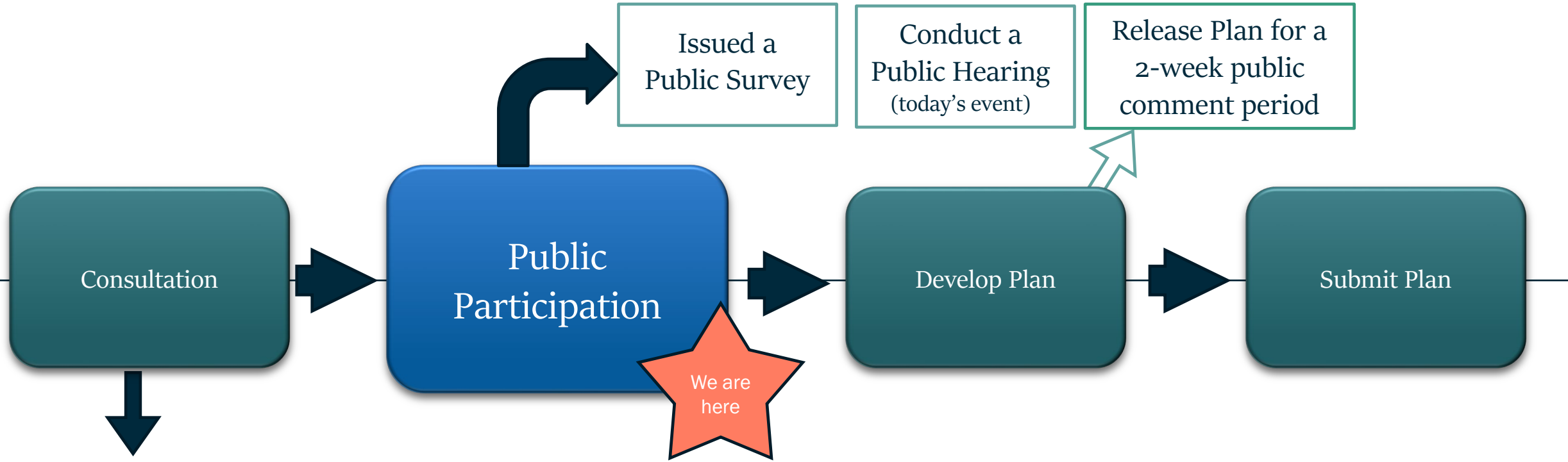
To receive the HOME-ARP funds, ACDA must engage in a consultation and public participation process and develop a HOME-ARP allocation plan that identifies how the City will prioritize:

Eligible
Activities

Qualifying
Populations

Subpopulation
Targeting

WHERE WE ARE AT IN THE PLANNING PROCESS



What has been done so far

- Consulted with Albany Housing Authority
- Consulted with local affordable housing developers
- Issued a Stakeholder Survey
- Consulted with Community Stakeholders

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUNDING

Kelsey Addy
Director of Planning

QUESTIONS ADDRESSED IN OUTREACH:

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Prioritizing Activities

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Percentage of Funding for Activities

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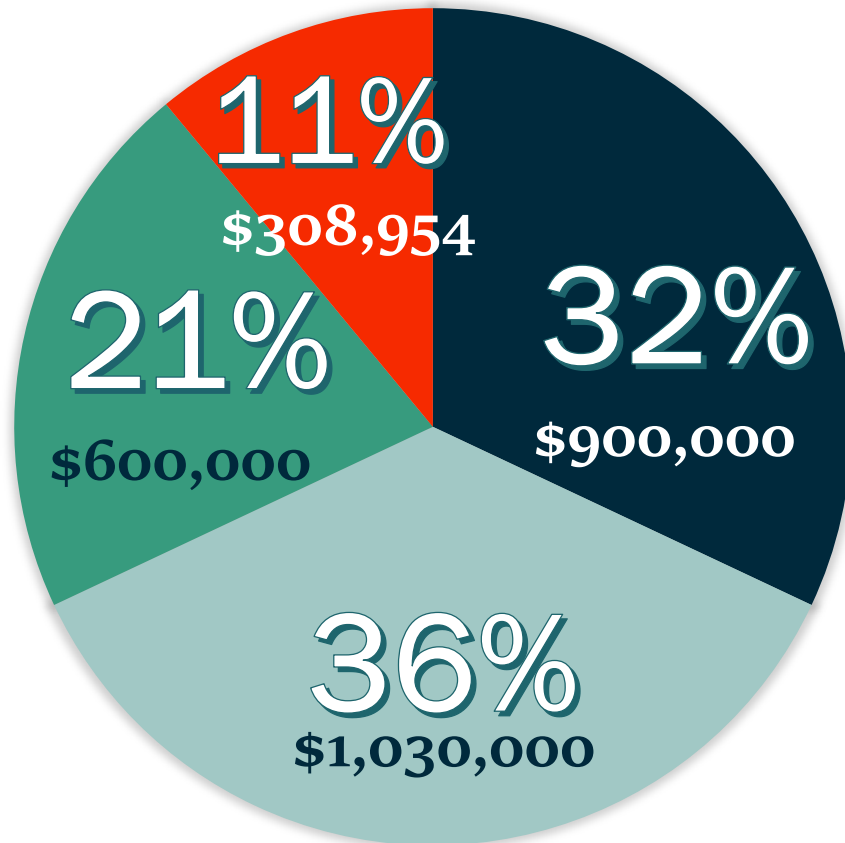
Prioritization for Qualifying Populations

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Targeting Subpopulation

PRELIMINARY RESEARCH AND OUTREACH

Recommended Priorities for Funded Activities for HOME-ARP



- Affordable Housing Development
- Supportive Services
- Tenant-based Rental Assistance
- Development of Non-congregate Shelter

FUNDED ACTIVITIES FOR HOME-ARP

Supportive Services

\$1,030,000
(36% of total funding)

Populations served:

at-risk of homelessness, other households at greatest risk of housing instability (at-risk of homelessness and up to 50% AMI)

Recommendations:



eviction prevention for those at-risk of homelessness (*estimated: 75 households with an average of \$8,000 rental arrears*).



support Coordinated Entry (CE) staffing (\$31,250/year for 8 years), allowing for the required referrals to be made to all four eligible activities under HOME-ARP.



annual training on affirmative outreach



provide shelter and service-provider LGBTQ+ training

FUNDED ACTIVITIES FOR HOME-ARP

Affordable Housing Development

\$900,000
(32% of total funding)

Populations served:

Homeless; survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking

Recommendation:

- Create units dedicated to persons exiting the homeless system.
- Prioritize households with the last known address from specific zip codes to reduce racial disparities in homelessness.
- Utilize funds to:

1

leverage creation of
accessible units

2

develop housing for youth
that is specifically LGBTQ+
affirming

FUNDED ACTIVITIES FOR HOME-ARP

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance

\$600,000
(21% of total funding)

Populations Served:

Homeless; survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking

Recommendation:

- Rental voucher: **two-year maximum** per household.
- **Target at least 25%** of these resources to persons exiting the criminal justice system.
- Assuming an average rent of \$1,207 per month/\$14,484 per year (adjusted for 30% contribution) this **funding would serve approximately 40 households for up to two years** for those exiting homelessness.
- **Prioritize households from specific zip codes** to reduce racial disparities in homelessness.

FUNDED ACTIVITIES FOR HOME-ARP

Non- Congregate Shelter

\$308,954
(11% of total funding)

Populations Served:

Homeless; survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking

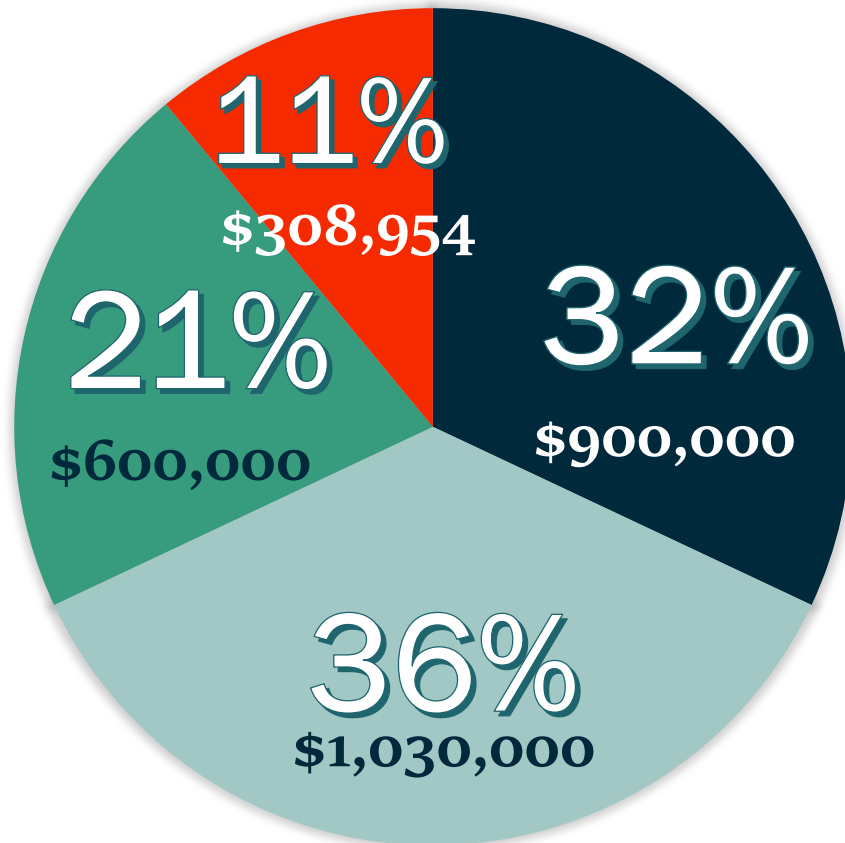
Recommendation:

- Development of a non-congregate shelter may address the ongoing need to ensure safe emergency housing options for persons who are transgender, persons experiencing severe mental illness, and in an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and other communicable diseases.

QUESTIONS & FEEDBACK

PRELIMINARY RESEARCH AND OUTREACH

Recommended Priorities for Funded Activities for HOME-ARP



- **Affordable Housing Development**
(accessible units, youth housing, prioritize zip codes)
- **Supportive Services**
(eviction prevention, CE, training)
- **Tenant-based Rental Assistance**
(prioritize criminal justice system involvement,
prioritize zip codes)
- **Development of Non-congregate Shelter**
(dormitory style shelter)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please
feel free to reach out to:

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