

THE CONSORTIUM HOME-ARP

HOME - American Rescue Plan funding

Public Hearing

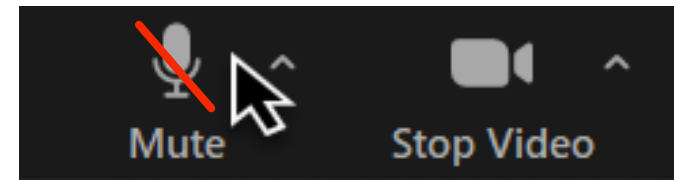
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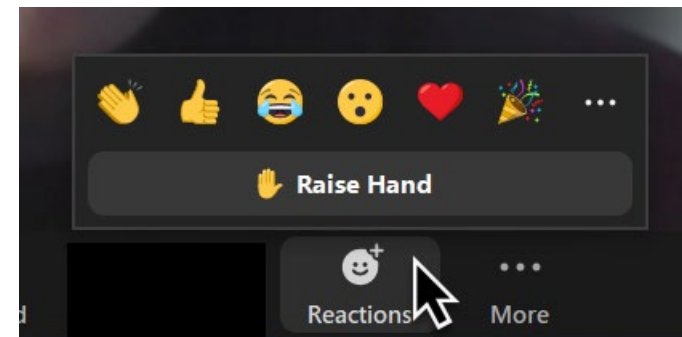
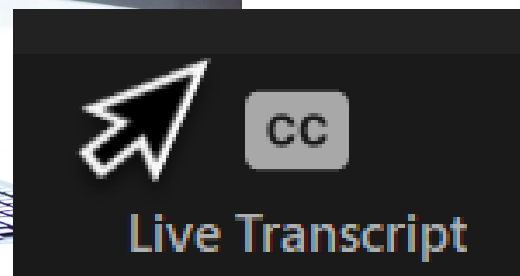
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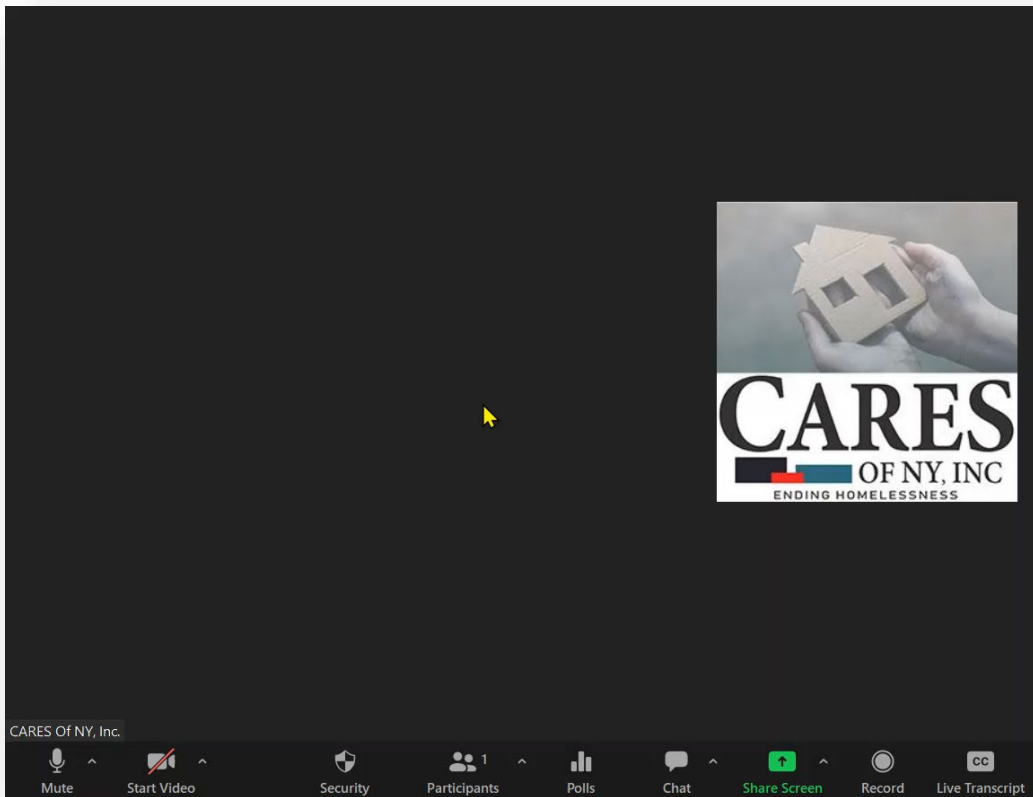
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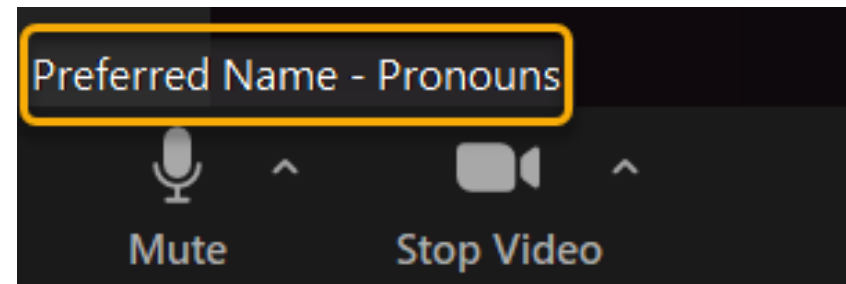
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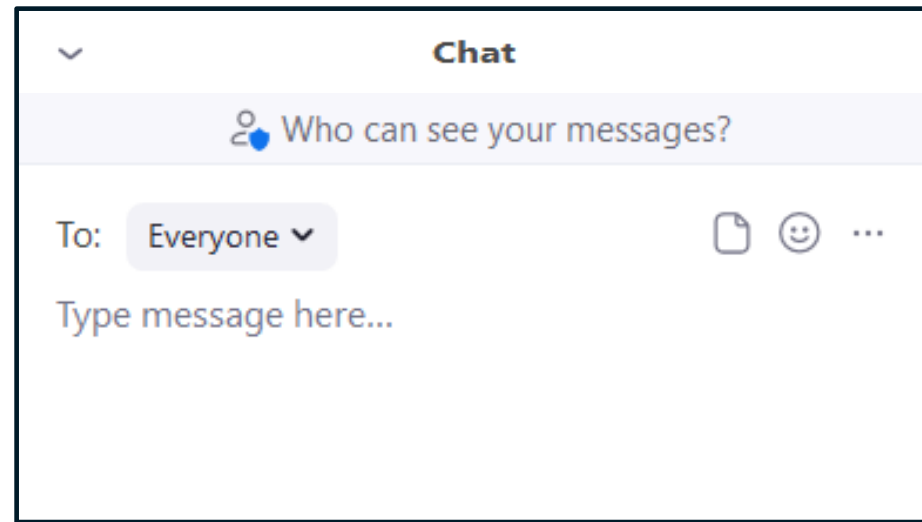
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PURPOSE OF THIS PRESENTATION

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 Consortium (Cities of Schenectady & Troy, Town of Colonie) have been allocated **\$3.8 million** 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

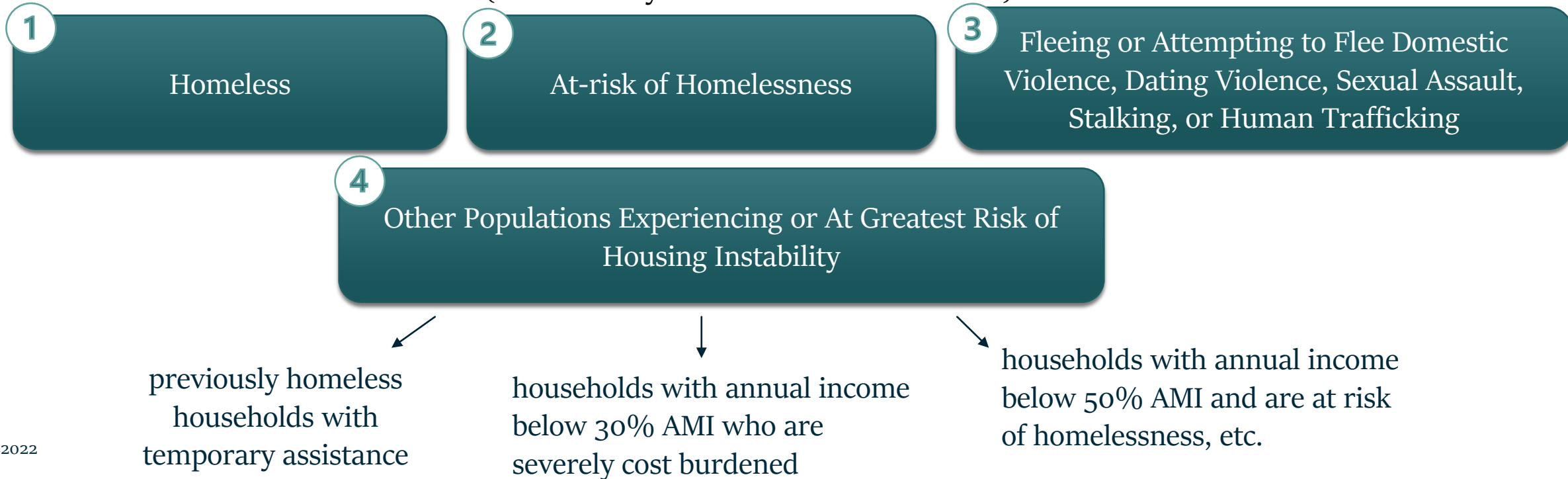
- to ensure ongoing stable housing (including eviction prevention).

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

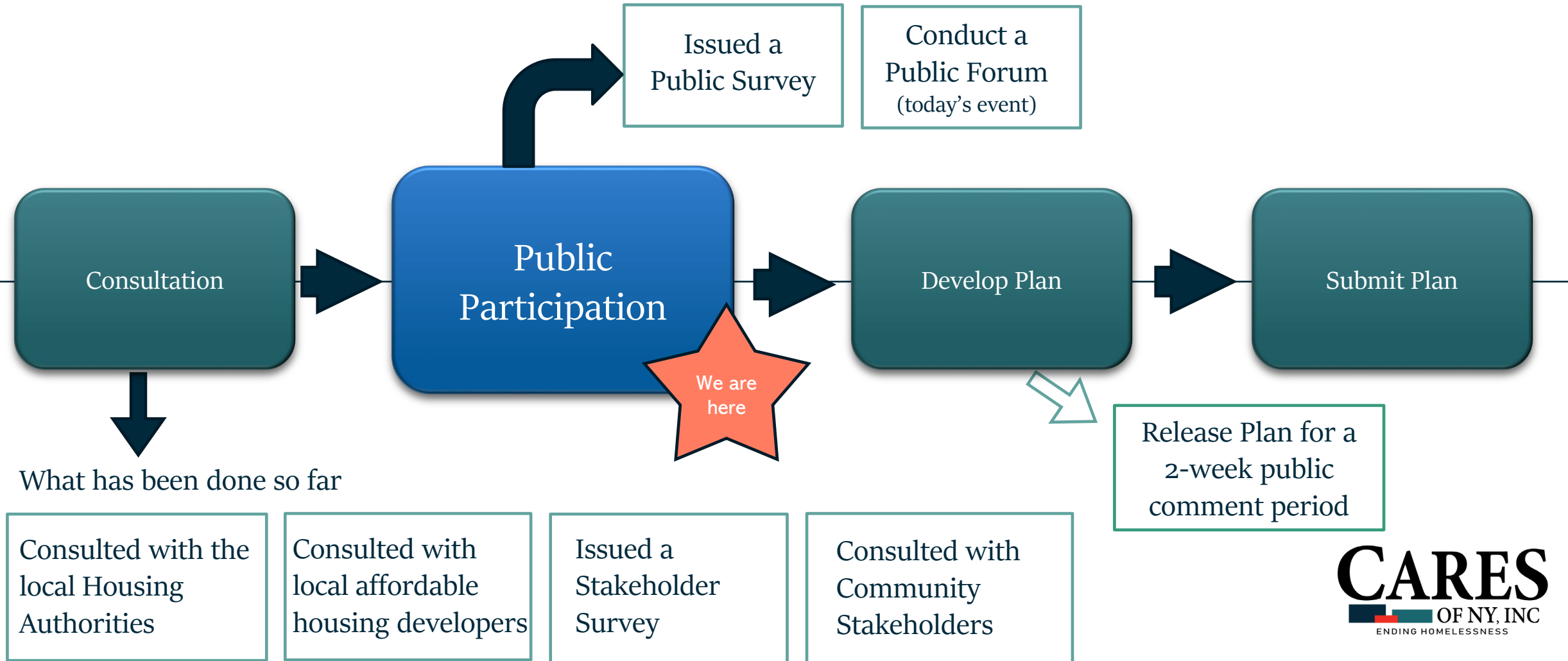
To receive the HOME-ARP funds, the Consortium must engage in a consultation and public participation process and develop a HOME-ARP allocation plan that identifies how it will prioritize:

Eligible
Activities

Qualifying
Populations

Subpopulation
Targeting

WHERE WE ARE AT IN THE PLANNING PROCESS



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUNDING

QUESTIONS ADDRESSED IN OUTREACH:

1

Prioritizing Activities

2

Percentage of Funding for Activities

3

Prioritization for Qualifying Populations

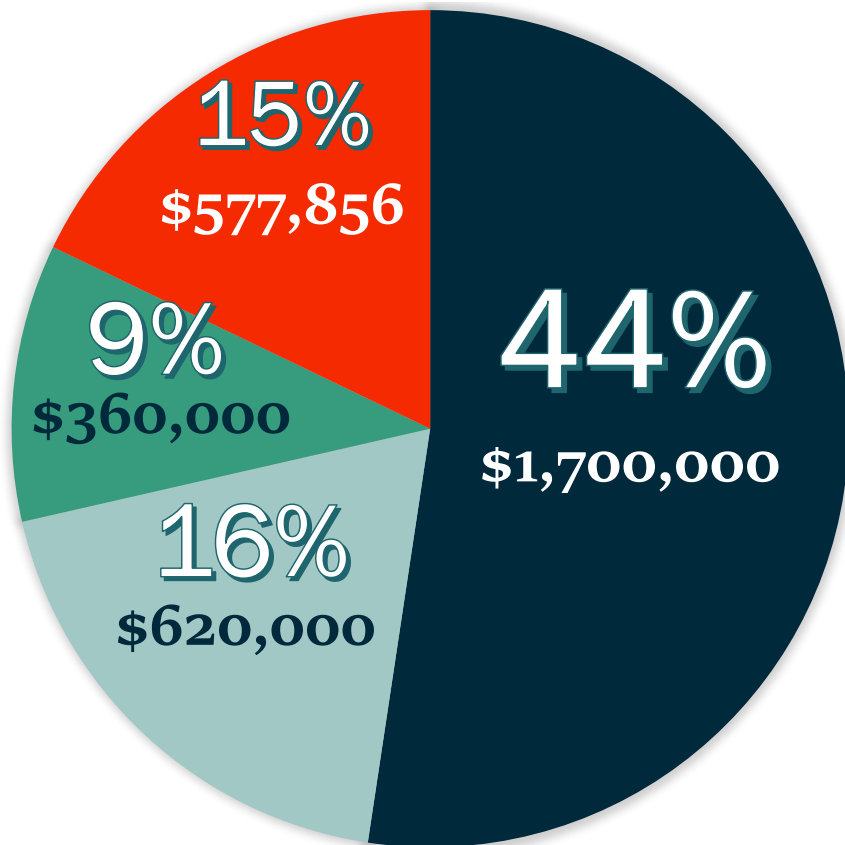
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Targeting Subpopulation

PRELIMINARY RESEARCH AND OUTREACH

Recommended Priorities for Funded Activities for HOME-ARP

Please note 15% of funds will be used for administration and planning



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

FUNDED ACTIVITIES FOR HOME-ARP

Affordable Housing Development

\$1,700,000

(44% of total funding)

Populations served:

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

Recommendation:

Prioritize units for those **who are homelessness and fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking.**

- Stakeholders reported unutilized rental assistance and Housing Choice Vouchers as a result of low vacancy rates and a lack of quality, affordable housing to marry rental assistance with.
- Stakeholders reported a number of projects that could utilize funding to finish development, given the increase in construction costs over the last two years.
- Public survey results supported a higher percentage of funds going towards affordable rental housing development.

FUNDED ACTIVITIES FOR HOME-ARP

Supportive Services

\$620,000
(16% of total funding)

Populations served:

Homeless; survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking at-risk of homelessness

Recommendations:

Support Service funding **potentially including:**

Mobile Crisis/mental
health, street outreach

Service Provider
Trainings

Housing/Landlord
Navigator

- Stakeholders reported an increased need in mental health services to work in collaboration with homeless service providers
- Stakeholders reported a need for service provider trainings on topics such as active-shooter, de-escalation, and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.
- Stakeholders reported challenges in finding available housing units, leading to a need for a Housing/Landlord navigator.

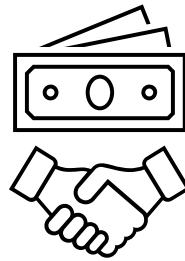
FUNDED ACTIVITIES FOR HOME-ARP

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance

\$360,000
(9% of total funding)

Populations Served:

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



Recommendation:

Utilize funding towards security deposits for those entering rental assistance programs (i.e. CoC- or ESG-funded).

- Stakeholders reported that the lack of funding for security deposits is a barrier to connecting folks to housing opportunities

FUNDED ACTIVITIES FOR HOME-ARP

Non- Congregate Shelter

\$577,856
(15% of total funding)

Populations Served:

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

Recommendation:

- Stakeholders reported a need for sheltering options for those who are resistant to entering congregate shelter settings and would benefit from ongoing support services.
- Stakeholders confirmed a need for non-congregate shelter in both cities of Schenectady and Troy. **In Troy, it was recommended this be developed specifically for youth and families.**

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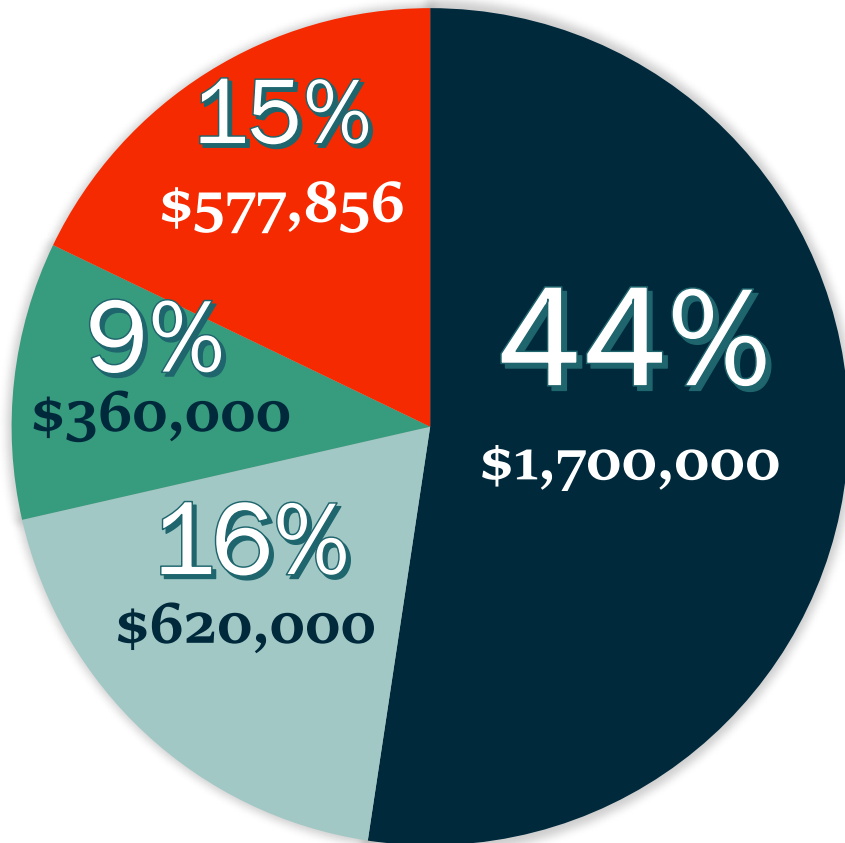
Non-Profit Operating and Capacity Building

\$0
no funding dedicated

QUESTIONS & FEEDBACK

POLL ON FUNDING ACTIVITIES

Do you agree with the Proposed
Recommendation for Funding of HOME-ARP Activities?



■ Affordable Housing Development

■ Supportive Services

■ Tenant-based Rental Assistance

■ Development of Non-congregate Shelter

POLL ON POPULATIONS SERVED

Affordable Housing
Development

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed recommendation regarding which HOME-ARP Qualifying Population we should prioritize?

Prioritized

Qualifying Populations

Prioritized

1

Homeless

2

At-risk of Homelessness

3

Fleeing or Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking

4

Other Populations Experiencing or At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability

POLL ON SUBPOPULATION IN TROY

Non-Congregate Shelter

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed recommendation to prioritize the below Subpopulations for Non-Congregate Shelter development within the City of Troy?

Subpopulations



Youth



Families



OPEN DISCUSSION

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please
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