



## News Release

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### **Salt Lake County announces a Public Comment Period to receive citizen comments regarding proposed uses of \$6,213,428.00 in funding appropriated under Section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2) (“ARP”) for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME).**

**WHAT:** Salt Lake County seeks public comment on its HOME ARP allocation proposal, which will provide for the distribution of \$6,213,428.00 of federal funds to address the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy, public health, State and local governments, individuals, and businesses. Funds are to address the need for housing, shelter and services to specific qualifying populations (QPs). These four QPs are:

- 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; and
- Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above but meet one of the following criteria:
  - Other Families Requiring Services of Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness
  - Those At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability

Activities that can be undertaken with the funding can only be one of the following:

- Produce or preserve affordable housing
- Provide Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
- Provide supportive services, including services defined at 24 CFR 578.53(e), homeless prevention services, and housing counseling,
- Purchase and develop non-congregate shelter or can be converted to; emergency shelter, permanent housing, or affordable housing.

**WHEN:** **Public Comment Period:** February 9, 2023 – March 10, 2023

A Draft Allocation Proposal will be available for public comment beginning February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. A recording of the comments received at the Public Hearing held on February 8, 2023 will also be available on the Housing and Community Development website at <http://slco.org/housing-community-development/public-notices-and-comments/>

Copies can be obtained from the Salt Lake County Division of Housing and Community Development, 2001 South State Street, Suite S2100, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4575 or by calling Michael Gallegos at 385-468-4901. Accessible parking and entrance are available on the east side of the north building. Accessible parking is also available on the east side of the south building.

You may also access a copy on our website <http://slco.org/housing-community-development/public-notices-and-comments/>. **Written comments may be submitted via email to [HCDPublicComments@slco.org](mailto:HCDPublicComments@slco.org)** or mailed to Housing and Community Development, PO Box 144575, Salt Lake City, UT 84114-4575. For further information contact Michael Gallegos at 385-468-4901.

Prior to approving the allocation proposal, the Mayor will consider and review all comments received in writing per the process noted above, as well as comments received at the public hearing, regarding the proposed distribution of funding for each eligible activity.

Salt Lake County HOME-ARP funding is subject to the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 and section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, in addition to the Displacement, Relocation and Acquisition regulatory requirement of 24 CFR 92.353. Consistent with the goals and objectives of activities assisted under these federal programs, Salt Lake County’s Housing & Community Development will comply with all applicable requirements and take the following steps to minimize the displacement of people, businesses, nonprofits, and/or farms.

1. Discourage projects involving displacement/relocation through a grant application scoring system that reduces the total score of projects that anticipate displacement/relocation.
2. Encourage project sponsors to plan or stage projects to minimize and/or prevent the adverse impacts of displacement.
3. Provide for the establishment of temporary relocation facilities in order to provide housing to households whose displacement will be temporary.
4. Provide advisory services which will include such measures, facilities, and services as may be necessary to determine relocation needs, or other assistance for which displaced persons may be eligible;
5. Coordinate code enforcement with rehabilitation and housing assistance programs; and
6. Stage the rehabilitation of apartment units to allow tenants to remain in the building/complex during and after rehabilitation by working with empty units or buildings first.

Any residential tenant who will be permanently and involuntarily displaced shall be entitled to the following services and benefits:

1. Timely information. The tenant will be contacted and provided timely information that fully explains the reason for the displacement and the relocation assistance available;
2. Advisory services. The tenant will be provided appropriate advisory services necessary to minimize hardships in adjusting to the relocation;
3. Advance notice. Unless there is an urgent need for the property (e.g., substantial danger to a person's health or safety) or the tenant is evicted for cause, the tenant shall be given at least 90 days' advance notice of the earliest possible date which they must vacate the property;
4. Replacement Housing Assistance. Replacement housing assistance is available to both renters and owners in the form of rental assistance or purchase assistance. The replacement assistance is based on a number of factors as provided in the Uniform Relocation Act and its regulations at 49 CFR Part 24; and
5. Moving Expenses. The tenant will be reimbursed for reasonable, documented costs of his/her moving and related expenses; or the tenant may elect to receive a fixed payment for moving and related expenses.

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM**

*In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services or alternate formats) for individuals with disabilities may be provided upon receipt of a request with five working days' notice. To expedite accommodation requests and coordination, call 385-468-4900. TTY/TDD users should call 7-1-1.*

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