



PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS



CITY OF BROWNSVILLE
HOME AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN
Comment Period: February 21, 2023- March 8, 2023

The American Rescue Plan Act appropriated \$5 billion to provide housing, services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations. These funds were allocated by formula to jurisdictions that qualified for funding through the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME Program) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This special round of funding is called the “HOME-ARP” program.

The Allocation Plan is required by HUD for the City to receive federal HOME-ARP grant funds. The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is a strategic plan detailing the allocation of funding to assist individuals or households who are experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations, by providing affordable housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter, to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability. The Allocation Plan defines the use of federal HOME-ARP grant funds to address these needs.

The City of Brownsville was awarded and anticipates an allocation of \$3,324,820 in Home Investment Partnerships Grant – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) to help create affordable housing and services for homeless persons, people at risk of homelessness, persons fleeing domestic violence, and other vulnerable populations.

HOME ARP Proposed Budget

	Funding Amount
Supportive Services	\$1,413,048.50
Tenant Based Rental Assistance TBRA	\$1,413,048.50
Administration & Planning (15%)	\$498,723.00
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$3,324,820.00

A full description of the listed HOME ARP Plan draft will be made available to any interested party throughout the 15-day comment period. Interested parties are encouraged to submit written comments on the proposed HOME ARP Plan for a 15-day period beginning **Tuesday, February 21, 2023** and ending at **5:00p.m. Wednesday, March 8, 2023**. The public may submit their electronic comment using the following Survey Monkey link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HOMEARPPLAN> . Any interested party may also submit their written comments to Mr. Efren Trujillo Jr., Assistant Director of Office of Strategic Initiatives, RE: HOME ARP Draft Plan Input, 1150 E. Adams Street, 3rd Floor, Brownsville, TX 78520; Phone: (956) 548-6167; e-mail: efren.trujillo@brownsvilletx.gov; fax: (956) 548-6161. The 2022-2023 HOME APR Plan may be viewed online at

<https://www.brownsvilletx.gov/2323/HOME-ARP> and is available at the following locations:

- Brownsville Public Library, 2600 Central Blvd., Brownsville, TX

- Southmost Public Library, 4320 Southmost Blvd., Brownsville, TX
- Southmost Community Network Center, 2900 Southmost Road, Brownsville, TX
- Westside Community Network Center, 1763 U.S. Highway 281, Brownsville, TX
- Brownsville Housing Authority, 24 Elm Street, Brownsville, TX.

Public Hearing

In addition to the 15-day comment period, one Public Hearings on the HOME APR Plan will take place:

- February 28, 2023 (6:00 P.M.) Brownsville Public Library, 2600 Central Blvd., Brownsville, Texas 78520

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