



**HOME -
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN
(HOME-ARP)**



SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

INTRODUCTIONS



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HOME-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (HOME-ARP)

- Funds released as a part of the American Rescue Plan Act in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic
 - Administered within the HOME Investments Partnership Program
 - Focused on the need for homelessness assistance and supportive services

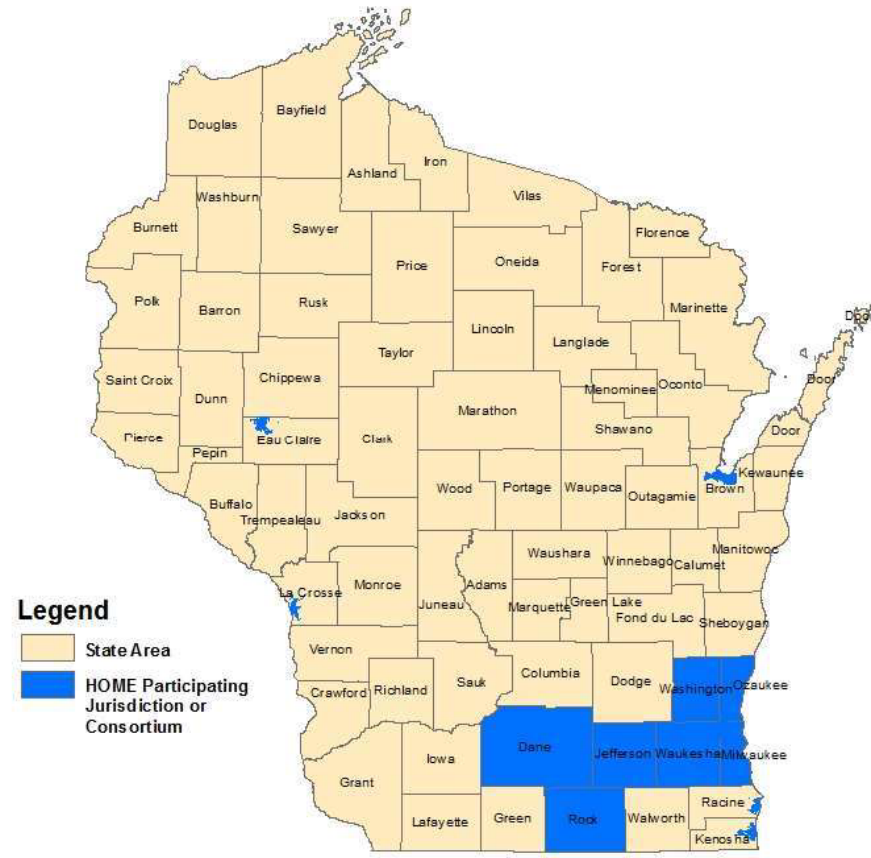


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HOME-ARP- GENERAL INFORMATION

- Nationally - \$5 billion of supplemental HOME funds for assistance to homeless and other vulnerable populations, facilitating
 - Capital investment in permanent housing for qualifying populations
 - Development of non-congregate Shelter
 - Provision of rental assistance or supportive services
- Allocated to participating jurisdictions via HOME formula
 - Highly targeted to poverty, renters in poverty, cost, availability and condition of housing stock
 - State of Wisconsin Allocation: **\$41,849,563**





HOME Participating Jurisdictions and Consortia are cities and urban counties which receive HOME funding directly from HUD. State Areas fall into the "state administered" program, under which HUD provides HOME funds to States to distribute to non HOME PJs and Consortia.

HOME Participating Jurisdiction Cities	HOME Consortia
-Eau Claire	-Dane County
-Green Bay	-Janesville Consortium (Rock County)
-Kenosha	-Milwaukee County
-La Crosse	-Waukesha County Consortium (Waukesha, Jefferson, Washington, Ozaukee Counties)
-Madison	
-Milwaukee	
-Racine	

STATE OF WISCONSIN DIVISION OF ENERGY, HOUSING, AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES (DEHCR) HOME-ARP ELIGIBILITY

QUALIFYING POPULATIONS

Funds must primarily benefit “qualifying populations”

- Homeless *
- At-risk of homelessness*
- Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic, dating, or sexual violence, stalking, or human trafficking
- “Other populations” – where 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

*as defined in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act



HOME-ARP ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Development of Affordable Housing

- 70% of units reserved for Qualifying populations
- 30% for Low-Income tenants per standard HOME affordability rules

Supportive Services

Supportive Services eligible under McKinney-Vento Act

Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)*

Acquisition/development of non-congregate shelter units*

*Development of NCS and TBRA are not an anticipated activity in the State of Wisconsin's HOME-ARP Program



AWARD PERIOD AND FUNDING

HOME-ARP Supportive Service Award Maximums and Minimums are as follows:

- **Minimum:** \$50,000 per agency per application cycle.
- **Maximum:** There is no maximum. Applicants must demonstrate need and direct impact of services in their community.

All HOME-ARP Supportive Service Grant Agreements will have an initial period of one year. Awards may be renewed for an additional year if the project demonstrates adequate compliance and impact. After two years, all grantees must reapply for funding.



CLIENT SELECTION AND COORDINATED ENTRY

- All HOME-ARP Supportive Service programs must use the Continuum of Care's Expanded Coordinated Entry system to screen and identify qualifying households in service area.
- Preferences are optional, but all QPs must be served.
- Limitations are not allowed
- The State of Wisconsin's HOME-ARP Allocation allows for the adoption of the following preferences for HOME- ARP Supportive Service Activities:
 - Preference #1: Individuals experiencing homelessness, as defined in 24 CFR 91.5.
 - Preference #2: Individuals at risk of homelessness, as defined in 24 CFR 91.5.
 - Preference #3: Persons fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, as defined by HUD



SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

- HOME-ARP funds may be used to provide a broad range of supportive services:
 - Qualifying populations - individuals or families
 - Separate activity or in conjunction with rental housing development activity
 - Households may not already be receiving these services through another program
- Three categories of eligible supportive services:
 - McKinney Vento
 - Homelessness Prevention
 - Housing Counseling



SUPPORTIVE SERVICES – ELIGIBLE COSTS

- All qualifying individuals and families are eligible to receive supportive services under the supportive services activity
- The PJ must establish requirements for documenting eligible costs for an individual or family in a qualifying population as McKinney-Vento supportive services, homelessness prevention services, or Housing Counseling
- If a person is homeless, then the person is eligible to be provided the supportive services as McKinney-Vento supportive services for the costs allowable under the Notice



SUPPORTIVE SERVICES – ELIGIBLE COSTS

- If a person is housed and the supportive services are intended to help the program participant:
 - regain stability in the program participant's current permanent housing; or
 - move into other permanent housing to achieve stability in that housing

Eligible for homelessness prevention services for costs allowable under the Notice

- Housing Counseling services may be provided regardless of whether a person is homeless or currently housed.



SUPPORTIVE SERVICES – ELIGIBLE COSTS

When PJs or subrecipients provide housing services to eligible persons that are incidental to a larger set of holistic case management services, these services do not meet the definition of Housing counseling, as defined in 24 CFR 5.100, and therefore are not required to be carried out in accordance with the certification requirements of 24 CFR 5.111.



SUPPORTIVE SERVICES – HOUSING COUNSELING

- Housing Counseling services may only be conducted by HUD-approved Housing Counseling Agencies
- Housing Counseling surrounding the following topics are ineligible under HOME-ARP:
 - Resolving or preventing mortgage delinquency, including, but not limited to default and foreclosure, loss mitigation, budgeting, and credit;
 - Home maintenance and financial management for homeowners, including, but not limited to: Escrow funds, budgeting, refinancing, home equity, home improvement, utility costs, energy efficiency, rights and responsibilities of homeowners, and reverse mortgages.



HOUSING COUNSELING – ELIGIBLE SERVICES

Rental Housing Counseling Topics	Pre-Purchase Homebuying Topics	Homeless Services Topics
HUD rental and rent subsidy programs	Advice regarding readiness and preparation	Homeless assistance information regarding emergency shelter
Other federal, state, or local assistance	Federal Housing Administration insured financing	Other emergency services
Fair housing	Housing selection and mobility	Transitional housing
Rental search assistance	Housing search assistance	Referral to local, state, fed resources
Landlord tenant laws	Fair housing and predatory lending	
Lease terms	Budgeting and credit	
Rent delinquency	Loan product comparison	
Referrals to local, state & Federal Resources	Purchase procedures and closing costs	
	Referrals to local, state, fed resources	



SUPPORTIVE SERVICES – HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION

- HOME-ARP Homelessness Prevention Services adapted from eligible homelessness prevention services under the following Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) regulations:
 - [24 CFR 576.102](#)
 - [24 CFR 576.103](#)
 - [24 CFR 576.105](#)
 - [24 CFR 576.106](#)
- ESG requirements are revised, supplemented, and streamlined under the HOME-ARP supportive services activity



SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ACTIVITIES

■ Wide range of eligible services including:

- Childcare
- Transportation
- Food for program participants

- Education Services
- Employment Assistance and Training
- **Housing Cost/Financial Assistance**

- Benefits and services navigation
- Case Management
- Legal Services
- Credit Counseling

- Landlord/Tenant Liaison Services
- Mediation
- Housing Counseling and Stability Case Management

- Mental Health Services
- Outpatient Health Services
- Substance Abuse Treatment Services



SUPPORTIVE SERVICES – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- Rental Application Fees
- Security Deposits
- Utility Deposits
- Utility Payments
- Moving Costs
- First and Last Month's Rent
- Payment of Rental Arrears
- Short-term Financial Assistance for Rent
- Medium-term Financial Assistance for Rent



QUESTION

Breakout 7 minutes:

- What kind of programming does your organization implement to help keep tenants housed?
- What are your greatest funding needs regarding your Supportive Service programming?
- What resource challenges do you face as a provider?

After 7 minutes of discussion:

- Share what your group discussed



IN THE MEANTIME...

- Visit HUD exchange for more info on HOME-ARP:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/home-arp/>
- Review HUD's Notice on the rules and regulation of the program:
<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCHCO/documents/2021-10cpdn.pdf>
- More information on the definition of qualifying populations:
 - https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/HomelessDefinition_RecordkeepingRequirementsandCriteria.pdf
 - https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/AtRiskofHomelessnessDefinition_Criteria.pdf
- Keep an eye out for updates on DECHR's website:
<https://energyandhousing.wi.gov/pages/home.aspx>



THANK YOU!

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