

The City of Columbia has been awarded \$2,161,654 in American Rescue Plan funds through the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME-ARP) by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Housing Programs Division of the Community Development Department will be responsible for planning and administering HOME-ARP funds.

As part of the planning process, the City is required to consult with agencies and service providers whose clientele include HOME-ARP qualifying populations. The consultation process will identify unmet needs and gaps in housing or service delivery systems. In addition to the consultation process the Housing and Community Development Commission will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 to hear public comments in regards to HOME-ARP funding.

The Housing Programs Division has identified your agency as one that potentially works with or serves a qualifying population. (Please see attached for HUD's qualifying population definition). The following questions will assist in determining unmet needs and gaps in housing that exist in our community. Providing details and examples in your responses will further the understanding of the challenges present and strategies to address those challenges.

### Consultation Questions

1. Please describe the size and demographic composition of the qualifying populations you serve.
2. Please describe the unmet housing and services needs of the qualifying populations you serve in regards to:
  - a) Sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations
  - b) Those currently housed populations at risk of homelessness
  - c) Other families requiring services or housing assistance or to prevent homelessness
  - d) Those at greatest risk of housing instability or in unstable housing solutions
3. Identify the current resources available to assist qualifying populations, including congregate and non-congregate shelter units, supportive services, TBRA, and affordable and permanent supporting rental housing.
4. Identify any gaps within the current shelter and housing inventory as well as the service delivery system.
5. Identify the characteristics of housing associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness.
6. Identify priority needs for qualifying populations.
7. Explain how the level of needs and gaps in shelter and housing inventory and service delivery systems are determined.

Please send your responses to Gary Anspach, Housing Programs Manager, no later than November 1, 2021. Housing Programs Staff will hold a HOME-ARP Pre-application workshop on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 6:30pm in Room 1A/1B of City Hall. The Pre-Application workshop will review the types of eligible HOME-ARP projects.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) for eligible HOME- ARP projects will be released in November following the HCDC public meeting.