



HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) PUBLIC COMMENT & HEARING

March 21, 2022, 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Virtual Teams Meeting

Harris County Community Services Department (HCCSD)



Public Hearing Agenda



- Welcome & Check-in
- Program Requirements
- Eligible Uses of Funds
- Timeline
- Public Participation & Consultation
- Proposed Budget
- Public Comment Period
- What's Next



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Welcome



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Program Requirements

- The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”) appropriated \$5 billion
- \$16.7 million allocated to Harris County to provide housing, supportive services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations
- Development of an Allocation Plan:
Consultation; Needs Assessment & Gap Analysis; Proposed Budget and Activities, Method of Distribution; Public Comment Period & Hearing; Submittal to HUD for Approval
- Funds must be committed and expended by 2030 and will be administered by HCCSD.



Eligible Uses of Funds

QUALIFYING POPULATIONS

Experiencing Homelessness

At Risk of Homelessness

Domestic Violence, Trafficking,
Stalking, Sexual Assault

Other Vulnerable Populations

Veterans and their families



ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Production or Preservation of
Affordable Rental Housing

Tenant-Based Rental
Assistance (TBRA)

Supportive Services

Development of Non-Congregate
Shelters

Operating Costs & Capacity
Building

Needs Assessment

- HCCSD's Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis found that 3,768 beds for adults and 609 beds for families are necessary to meet the current demand in Harris County.
- Further analysis determined that almost 25,000 Harris County renters are currently considered to be at risk of homelessness due to low income and sub-standard housing conditions.
- Research from the Kinder Institute also indicates that in order meet the projected housing demand for low-income households, 47,550 new units will need to be constructed over the next decade.



HOME-ARP Timeline

Consultation

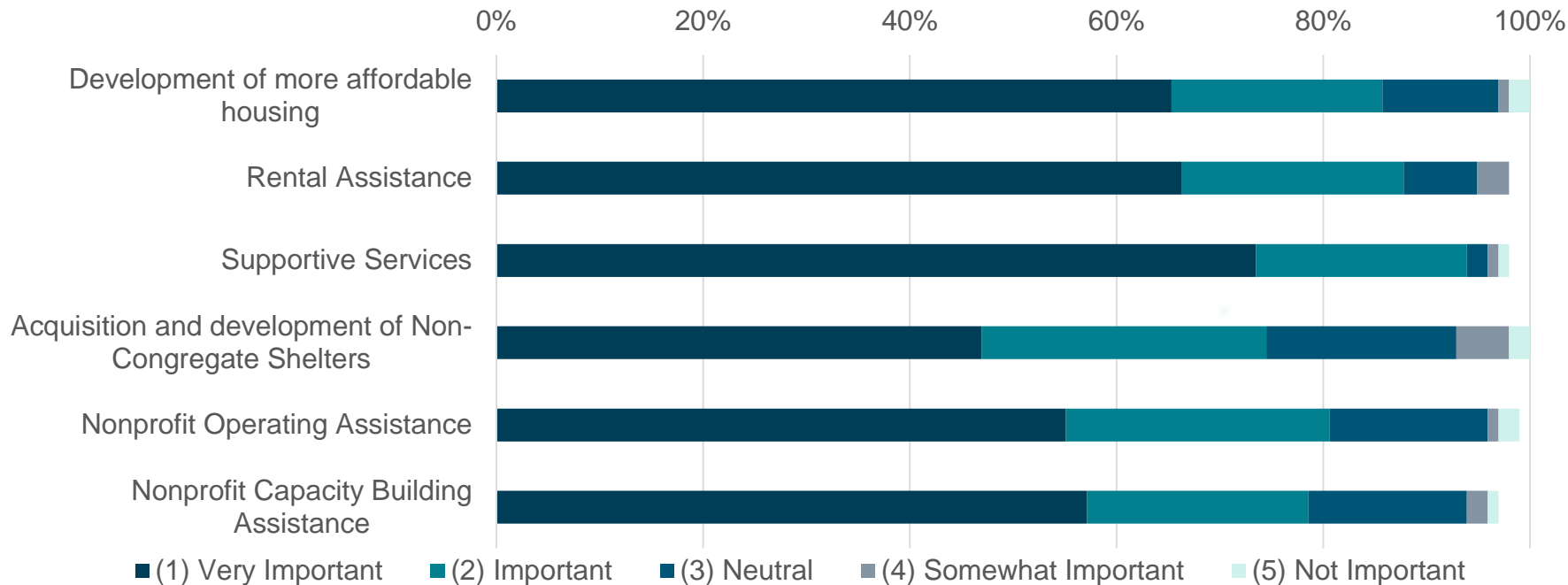
Surveys -
January 25, 2022 - February 25, 2022
Stakeholder Meeting - February 3, 2022
Focus Group Meetings - February 14-25, 2022

Draft Allocation Plan

Review/ Comment Period
March 7 - 22, 2022



Survey Results of Priority Needs



Supportive Services - 73.4%

Housing counseling, homelessness prevention, childcare, job training, legal services, case management, moving costs, rental applications, and rent assistance

Affordable Housing - 65.31%

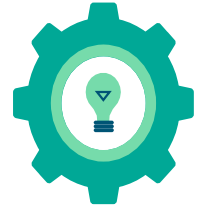
Acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing (such as transitional or permanent housing)

Administrative Services - 57.14%

Implementing and coordinating programming, funding administrative services, networking between stakeholders and partners

Proposed Use of Funds

| HOME-ARP | Amount | Percentage |
|--|---------------------|-------------|
| Expansion of Affordable Rental Housing (PSH) | \$8,500,133.65 | 50.67% |
| Supportive Services | \$4,500,000.00 | 26.83% |
| CSD Administration and Planning | \$2,516,154.90 | 15.0% |
| Nonprofit Operating | \$838,718.30 | 5.00% |
| Nonprofit Capacity Building | \$419,359.15 | 2.50% |
| Total | \$16,747,366 | 100% |



Public Comment & Hearing



GROUND RULES



Each speaker has 3 minutes to comment



Comments will be heard in the order they are received



Ways to comments: Raise hand or type name in chat



Summaries with responses will be included in the final Allocation Plan

SPECIAL NOTES



Comments will be recorded & transcribed



This is not a Q&A Public Hearing



Comments will be accepted
March 7 – 22, 2022



Commissioners Court has been moved to April 5, 2022

What's next

- All comments will be accepted through Tuesday, March 22, 2022, COB. Written comments may be submitted by email to: home_arp_comments@hctx.net
- Commissioners Court date has been changed to April 5, 2022.
- The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan will be submitted to HUD for approval by April 29, 2022.
- After approval of the Allocation Plan, HCCSD will issue an RFP for the eligible activities and organizations will be able to apply. A notice will be sent to all interested parties when the RFP is issued.
- The draft HOME-ARP-Allocation Plan can be reviewed at: <https://housingandcommunityresources.net/home-american-rescue-plan-home-arp/>

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Public Comments

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Comments can be made by:

1. Virtual Teams Meeting @ 10 AM, <https://msteams.link/1YZ3>, or call in (audio only) [+1 281-985-1862,485027920#](tel:+12819851862485027920) United States, Houston Phone Conference ID: 485 027 920#
2. Written comments may be submitted by email to: home_arp_comments@hctx.net
3. By mail: HCCSD, ATTN. Planning, 8410 Lantern Point Dr., Houston, TX 77054, or Voicemail at 832-927-4795
4. The public may comment on the draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and proposed budget during the 15-day comment period from Monday, March 7, 2022, to March 22, 2022. The draft HOME-ARP-Allocation Plan can be reviewed at: <https://housingandcommunityresources.net/home-american-rescue-plan-home-arp/>

Thank you



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