



HHSC Memorandum

Neighborhood Resources - Memo No. NR25-015

Date: April 9, 2025

To: Housing and Human Services Commission

Thru: Leah Powell, Neighborhood Resources Director
Riann Balch, Community Resources Senior Manager

From: Karin Bishop, Community Development Senior Program Manager

Subject: Recommend that City Council pass and adopt Resolution No. 5896 approving and authorizing the City Manager to allocate Fiscal Year ("FY") 2025-2026 HOME Investment Partnerships Program Funds; authorizing execution of all contracts and subrecipient agreements; and authorizing the City Manager to take all actions necessary or prudent to implement the adopted FY 2025-2026 HOME Investment Partnerships Program Funds.

Background: Each year, the City of Chandler receives federal HOME Investment Partnerships Program funding, administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), through the Maricopa County HOME Consortium. Eligible HOME activities include building, buying, and/or rehabilitating affordable housing for rent or homeownership or providing rental assistance for individuals with low and moderate income. HOME-funded activities proposed by the city are included in Maricopa County's Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan submitted to HUD.

The Chandler Housing and Human Services Commission ("HHSC") approved the initial funding recommendations and contingency plan based on the anticipated formula funding for FY 2025-2026. HOME funds for FY 2025-2026 are proposed to be allocated to continue to support the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance ("TBRA") Program, which provides housing for persons experiencing homelessness in Chandler.

In compliance with HUD regulations and the Citizen Participation Plan, the city, in partnership with the Maricopa County HOME Consortium, held a 30-day public comment period regarding the initial HOME funding recommendations and contingency plan for a potential increase or decrease in funding. The public comment period began Monday, March 3, 2025, and ended Friday, April 4, 2025. In addition, two public hearings were held on February 12, 2025, and on March 5, 2025, to ensure multiple opportunities for input

from the community regarding the initial HOME funding recommendations and contingency plan.

Discussion: To date, HUD has not released the FY 2025-2026 annual allocation to Grantees. At HUD's guidance, the City of Chandler has prepared funding recommendations, and a contingency plan based on anticipated formula funding that it received in the prior fiscal year. The City of Chandler recommends funding in the amount of \$374,298 to continue to support the TBRA Program, and \$24,953 for program administration. The contingency plan states that any increase or decrease in HOME funding for FY 2025-2026 will be applied to the TBRA program. The formula amount for program administration will also be adjusted based on the total HOME allocation to the city. The FY 2025-2026 HOME Program Description and Funding Recommendation is attached.

Financial Implications: Federal HOME funds require a 25% local match. The City of Chandler will provide the required match through general funds used to support staffing and operations. The City of Chandler pays for services supported by HOME funds and then submits a request for reimbursement to Maricopa County.

Attachments:

A – Resolution No. 5896

B – FY 2025-2026 HOME Program Description and Funding Recommendation

RESOLUTION NO. 5896

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER, ARIZONA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ALLOCATE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM FUNDS; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ALL CONTRACTS AND SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENTS; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY OR PRUDENT TO IMPLEMENT THE ADOPTED FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM FUNDING ALLOCATIONS.

WHEREAS, the City of Chandler anticipates receiving a Fiscal Year (“FY”) 2025-2026 annual allocation of federal HOME Investment Partnerships Program (“HOME”) funds through the Maricopa County HOME Consortium through its entitlement from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) to use for the City’s FY 2025-2026 HOME program; and

WHEREAS, Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (the “Act”) makes available funds to assist the City of Chandler in creating a more viable community; and

WHEREAS, decent, safe, affordable housing is at the core of family stability and strong neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, since 1982, the HOME program has expanded the supply of decent, safe, affordable housing; strengthened public-private partnerships; improved the lives of individuals with low- and moderate-income; and strengthened neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chandler, as a member of the Maricopa County HOME Consortium, has agreed to comply with the Citizen Participation Plan prepared by the Maricopa County Human Services Department on behalf of all HOME Consortium members for Community Development Block Grant and HOME funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chandler, in coordination with the City’s Housing and Human Services Commission, assessed needs, held two public hearings, and presented the draft FY 2025-2026 HOME funding recommendations for public consideration available for public comment for the HUD required 30-day citizen participation review and comment period; and

WHEREAS, City of Chandler staff have worked in coordination with Maricopa County to prepare an Annual Action Plan for the Maricopa County HOME Consortium for the use of HOME resources for FY 2025-2026.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Chandler, Arizona, as follows:

- Section 1. Approves and authorizes the City Manager, or his designee to make, on behalf of the City, the submittal of an application to HUD, through the Maricopa County HOME Consortium, for the City's FY2025-2026 HOME program funds.
- Section 2. Authorizes the City Manager, or his designee, to: (a) submit with the application all documents, submissions, plans, and materials required by the Act and other applicable law; and (b) prepare, submit, negotiate, and execute all contracts for services and to use the funds to be made available to the City under Title II of the Act for financing and implementation of all referenced City programs and projects.
- Section 3. Authorizes the City Manager, or his designee, to take those actions necessary or prudent to implement the City's HOME program for FY 2025-2026, including, but not limited to, executing contracts and subrecipient agreements, expending funds, hiring personnel or contractors, scheduling activities, establishing procedures for monitoring and evaluating program activities, and other steps necessary to ensure that the HOME program can be carried out in a timely and effective manner, including but not limited to establishing administrative procedures not inconsistent with federal, state or local law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Chandler, Arizona, this ____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing Resolution No. 5896 was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the Chandler, Arizona, at a regular meeting held on the ____ day of _____, 2025 and that a quorum was present thereat.

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY

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CITY OF CHANDLER
FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME)
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND FUNDING RECOMMENDATION

HOME Housing Activities:

City of Chandler Housing and Redevelopment – Tenant-Based Rental Assistance
Recommendation: \$374,298

Funding to continue to provide a Tenant-Based Rental Assistance ("TBRA") Program for persons experiencing homelessness in Chandler. HOME TBRA funds will be used to provide rental assistance for TBRA participants for a period of up to 24 months per household. TBRA participants will also receive individualized case management and supportive services to promote housing stability.