



HOME Investment Partnerships
American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Program

NOFA for Provision of Supportive Services



1. BACKGROUND

Hidalgo County, Texas, (“County”) through its Urban County Program is accepting proposals from eligible organizations interested in delivering eligible supportive services to HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations.

2. FUNDING AVAILABLE AND SOURCES OF FUNDS

Awards made under this solicitation will be funded using supplemental HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds awarded through the American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP). The County has a total of \$1,042,269.90 in HOME-ARP funds available under this NOFA.

Awards are subject to the requirements of the HOME Investment Partnerships Program at 24 CFR Part 92 as amended by the [HUD Notice CPD-21-10: Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-ARP Program](#).

2.1 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Mandatory Technical Assistance Workshop: January 20, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or

January 21, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

January 28, 2026 at 11:59 a.m.

Clarification questions due by:

Applications due on or before 3:00 p.m. (CST): February 13, 2026

2.2 MANDATORY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WORKSHOP

All entities applying for funds are required to attend the Technical Assistance Workshop. The Technical Assistance Workshop must be attended by the entity's staff or related parties that will be responsible for completing the application. During the workshop, we will review the grant application process, project eligibility, and provide information to assist with application preparation.

Hidalgo County will conduct the Technical Assistance Workshop on January 20, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. (CST) and will be repeated on January 21, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. **Entities are required to attend only one of the sessions.**

No applications will be accepted from entities that do not attend the mandatory Technical Assistance Workshop.

A link to the technical session will be placed on Urban County’s website where the NOFA Announcement is located. After the technical session, all questions regarding the NOFA must be submitted in writing via email to homearp@co.hidalgo.tx.us

Questions received via email regarding the NOFA will be addressed by the County and answers will be provided by Addendum per the schedule noted above.

3. DEFINITIONS

Supportive Services: Supportive Services include:

- a) Services listed in section 401(29) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

- b) (“McKinney-Vento Supportive Services”) (42 U.S.C. 11360(29));
- c) Homelessness Prevention Services; and
- d) Housing Counseling Services.

These services include, but are not limited to: health, mental health, assessment, housing search and counseling services, substance abuse treatment services, childcare, employment assistance and job training, nutritional services, legal services, outreach services, transportation, and financial assistance costs such as application fees, utility deposits and payments, moving costs, and short and medium-term financial assistance for rent. A more detailed list of eligible supportive services can be found in Section 4 below.

Qualifying Populations: HOME-ARP requires that funds only be used to benefit individuals and families in the following specified “qualifying populations.” Any individual or family who meets the criteria for these populations is eligible to receive assistance or services funded through HOME-ARP without meeting additional criteria (e.g., additional income criteria). Veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meet the criteria for one of the qualifying populations described below are eligible to receive HOME-ARP assistance:

1. People experiencing homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5 *Homeless* (1), (2), or (3)
2. People at risk of homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5 *At risk of homelessness*
3. People fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
4. Other populations where providing supportive services or assistance would prevent the family’s homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability
 - a. Other families requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness

Other families: Defined as households who have previously been qualified as homeless under 24 CFR 91.5, are currently housed due to temporary or emergency assistance **and** who need additional housing assistance or supportive services to avoid a return to homelessness.
 - b. Those at greatest risk of housing instability
 - i. Have annual incomes less than or equal to 30% AMI and experience severe housing cost burden; or
 - ii. Have an annual income less than or equal to 50% AMI and meet one of seven housing instability conditions from paragraph (iii) of the “At risk of homelessness” QP definition established at 24 CFR 91.5 and outlined in Notice CPD-21-10.

4. ELIGIBLE SERVICES

Funds may be used to provide a broad range of supportive services to qualifying households as a separate activity or in combination with other HOME-ARP activities. Supportive services include the following eligible costs:

1. Child care: Child care for program participants, including providing meals and snacks, and comprehensive and coordinated developmental activities.
2. Education services: Improving knowledge and basic educational skills.
3. Employment assistance and job training: Establishing and/or operating employment assistance and job training programs, including classroom, online and/or computer instruction, on-the-job instruction, services that assist individuals in securing employment, acquiring learning skills, and/or increasing earning potential. The cost of providing reasonable stipends to program participants in employment assistance and

job training programs is also an eligible cost.

4. Food: The cost of providing meals or groceries to program participants.
5. Housing search and counseling services: Assisting eligible program participants to locate, obtain, and retain suitable housing.
6. Legal services: Fees charged by licensed attorneys and by person(s) under the supervision of licensed attorneys, for advice and representation in matters that interfere with a qualifying individual or family's ability to obtain and retain housing.
7. Life skills training: Teaching critical life management skills that may never have been learned or have been lost during the course of physical or mental illness, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, substance abuse, and homelessness. These services must be necessary to assist the program participant to function independently in the community.
8. Mental health services: Direct outpatient treatment of mental health conditions that are provided by licensed professionals.
9. Outpatient health services: Direct outpatient treatment of medical conditions when provided by licensed medical professionals.
10. Outreach services: Activities to engage qualified populations for the purpose of providing immediate support and intervention, as well as identifying potential program participants.
11. Substance abuse treatment services: Services that are designed to prevent, reduce, eliminate, or deter relapse of substance abuse or addictive behaviors and are provided by licensed or certified professionals.
12. Transportation: The cost of providing transportation on public transit or in a vehicle provided by the subrecipient for program participants to and from medical care, employment, childcare, or other services eligible under Notice: CPD-21-10. Mileage allowance for service workers to visit program participants and to carry out housing inspections is also eligible.
13. Case management: Assessing, arranging, coordinating, and monitoring the delivery of individualized services to meet the needs of the program participant(s).
14. Mediation: Mediation between the program participant and the owner or person(s) with whom the program participant is living, provided that the mediation is necessary to prevent the program participant from losing permanent housing in which the program participant currently resides.
15. Credit repair: Credit counseling and other services necessary to assist program participants with critical skills related to household budgeting, managing money, accessing a free personal credit report, and resolving personal credit problems. This assistance does not include the payment or modification of a debt.
16. Landlord/Tenant Liaison: Liaison services between property managers/owners and program participants.
17. Services for special populations: Services for special populations, such as victim services, so long as the costs of providing these services are eligible. The term victim services means services that assist program participants who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking including services offered by rape crisis centers and domestic violence shelters, and other organizations with a documented history of effective work concerning domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking.
18. Financial assistance costs: Payments to housing owners, utility companies, and other third parties for rental application fees, security deposits, utility deposits, utility payments, moving costs, first and last month's rent, and/or rental arrears.
19. Short-term and medium-term financial assistance for rent: Subject to certain conditions, provided that the total financial assistance provided, including any pre-payment of first and last month's rent, does not exceed 24 months of rental payments over any 3-year period. Short-term means up to 3 months. Medium-term means more than 3 months but not more than 24 months.

APPLICATION OVERVIEW AND INSTRUCTIONS

SCORING PROCESS

Applications will be scored and ranked according to the criteria below.

Category	Maximum Points
<p>Threshold</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed costs are eligible under HOME-ARP. • The applicant is a unit of local government serving program beneficiaries residing in Hidalgo County or a nonprofit corporation that is incorporated in the state of Texas, in good standing and possesses a 501(c)(3) determination of exempt status. • If the entity is a prior recipient of federal funds through Hidalgo County, it must be in good standing to be eligible for award. This includes having resolved, or actively be in the process of resolving, any open monitoring findings. <p>NOTE: Applications that do not meet the threshold will not be scored.</p>	Threshold
<p>1) Organizational Capacity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The organization has demonstrated success in administering a similar activity. (0 years = 0 points; 1 or more years = 5 points) • The experience and training of the proposed program/project/activity staff is consistent with the needs of the proposed service(s). (Up to 10 points) • The entity has facilities consistent with the proposed program services. (5 points) • The entity has unresolved monitoring findings. (minus 10 points) 	20
<p>2) Quality of the Proposal / Alignment to Community Needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal clearly identifies how it will address the needs of one or more of the listed qualifying populations and the extent to which the proposal addresses unmet community needs. (Up to 20 points) • The proposal describes barriers to program participation and how the activity addresses those barriers. (Up to 5 points) • The proposal describes how it will enable access to one or more eligible supportive services. (Up to 10 points) • The proposed program services match the needs of the target population. (Up to 5 points) • The application clearly articulates how the program activities were developed in consultation with the target population. (Up to 5 points) 	45

Category	Points
<p>3) Impact and Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant describes how the target population will be reached and assessed. (Up to 5 points) • The application describes how the applicant’s prior activities have resulted in meaningful impact. (Up to 5 points) 	10
<p>4) Coordination / Collaboration</p> <p>The extent to which the applicant describes how its activities will be delivered in coordination with other community resources to address the overall needs of the population. (Up to 10 points)</p>	10
<p>5) Financial Capacity and Activity Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of all planned funding anticipated/committed for the proposed activity. (Up to 5 points) • The budget includes eligible costs allowed under HOME-ARP and other applicable federal regulations. (5 points) • The proposed budget is reasonable and consistent with the proposed program service(s). (5 points) • The organization has provided an audited financial statement for the last full operating year and year-to-date financial statements showing current assets sufficient to cover operating expenses for at least 6 months (5 points) or 3 months (2.5 points) 	20
<p>Total Possible Points</p>	105

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Responses must be limited to the space available.

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name:	
Applicant Address:	
Employer Identification #	
Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) #	
Primary Point of Contact	
Primary Point of Contact Email	
Primary Point of Contact Phone	
Alternate Point of Contact	
Alternate Point of Contact Email	
Alternate Point of Contact Phone	
Type of Organization	<input type="checkbox"/> Unit of local government <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3)

Does the organization have the following in place? [Check all that apply.]

- An active sam.gov registration
- Policies and procedures for the proposed project or program (i.e., intake, eligibility)
- Financial Management Policies and Procedures
- Non-Discrimination / Equal Opportunity Policy
- Conflict of Interest Policies and Procedures
- Procurement Policies and Procedures

NOTE: All of the above policies and procedures must be submitted if the applicant is selected for funding.

Additionally, for 501(c)(3) organizations, check all that apply.

- Organizational chart
- Articles of Organization
- Proof of Tax Exempt Status
- List of Board of Directors

2. PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Name	
Provide a short description of the proposed program/activity and the qualifying population to be served (Maximum 1,500 characters).	
Total program/activity cost	
Total HOME-ARP Request Amount:	

3. ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY a) Describe the organization's experience with administering federally funded programs of this nature (Maximum 3,500 Characters).

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b) How many years' experience does the organization have with administering activities of the type described in this application?

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c) In the table below, list all HOME-ARP funded staff positions that will provide services to qualifying populations. Also include any services coordination staff. For each position, list the position title, minimum requirements and the full-time equivalent (FTE). If a staff position serves both clients in qualifying populations and non-qualifying populations, include only that portion (i.e., % FTE) of the staff position dedicated to qualifying populations.

Position Title	Minimum Experience/Education	Indicate FTE for HOME-ARP funded positions (half-time is 0.5)

d) Provide the address and describe the facility where the services will be provided (Maximum 750 Characters).

e) Does the organization have any unresolved monitoring findings? Yes No

4. PROPOSED SCOPE OF WORK

a) Describe the proposed Supportive Services program. Please include information about:

➤ The geographic area to be served,

- The targeted qualifying population and how the project will meet their specific needs (Maximum 850 Characters),

- The unmet community needs this proposal addresses (Maximum 3,750 characters),

- Barriers to program participation including how the activity will address those barriers (Maximum 3,750 Characters),

- The eligible supportive services to be provided, (Maximum 3,750 Characters)

- Any information about how the activity was developed or refined in consultation with the target population (Maximum 3,750 characters).

- b) Describe the accessibility for the target population, including how the clients are expected to reach the location (Maximum 3,750 characters).

5. IMPACT AND OUTCOMES

- a) Describe how the project will be marketed to the targeted qualifying population(s), including how the population will be reached and assessed (Maximum 7,500 Characters).

b) Briefly describe how your organization's prior supportive services' activities have resulted in meaningful impact for the people served (Maximum 7,500 characters).

c) Estimate the number of unduplicated persons expected to benefit from the project.

6. COORDINATION/COLLABORATION

Briefly describe any collaboration efforts with other organizations for this project/program or related initiatives to address the overall needs of the population (Each description is limited to 800 characters).

Collaborating Organization	Description of Collaboration

7. PROJECT/PROGRAM BUDGET

a) List of Funding Sources

Provide all planned funding anticipated/committed for the proposed activity. If the organization has received funding commitment letters, please attach as Exhibit "C" to this application.

Funding Source (Name of Funder)	Name of Funding Program (if applicable)	Dollar Amount	Commitment Status (Committed or Pending)	If Pending, Expected Commitment Date

b) Activity Budget Summary and Narrative

Please attach the Operating Budget Summary labeled as Exhibit “A.”

c) Prior and Current Year Financial Statement

Please attach the applicable audited financial statements labeled as Exhibit “B” for the last full operating year and an unaudited year-to-date financial statement.