

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 7, 2026
To: Dr. Joel Rivera, UCP Director
From: Miriam Mustaffa, HOME-ARP Coordinator
Re: 2026 HOME-ARP Supportive Services Scoring Recommendations

Background

The HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Program allocated funding to support qualifying populations through various eligible activities, including Supportive Services. In alignment with program goals, a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was released to solicit applications from eligible nonprofits, units of local governments, and government entities.

The NOFA was issued on January 14, 2026, with an application deadline of February 13, 2026. The application outlined eligibility requirements, funding priorities, and evaluation criteria in accordance with HUD HOME-ARP regulations and local program guidelines.

Application Summary

A total of fifteen (15) applications were received. Applications first underwent a threshold review to determine compliance with the minimum requirements outlined in the NOFA, including eligibility, completeness, and alignment with HOME-ARP program guidelines. Only applications meeting these threshold criteria advanced to the scoring phase.

Evaluation and Scoring Process

Applications were evaluated using a standardized scoring rubric to ensure consistency and compliance. The review process included:

- Eligibility and threshold review conducted by Stan Fitterman (SFF Consulting Group, Inc.) and Miriam Mustaffa (Urban County).
- Financial feasibility review conducted by Stan Fitterman and Miriam Mustaffa.
- Scoring based on established evaluation criteria conducted independently by the HOME-ARP Supportive Services Application Review Committee, consisting of Amy Bayona (District Attorney's Office), Steven de la Garza (Urban County), and Randy Perez (County Judge's Office).

Applications were scored based on organizational capacity, quality of the proposal and alignment with HOME-ARP qualifying populations and community needs, impact and anticipated outcomes, coordination and collaboration with community resources, and financial capacity and budget reasonableness. Final scores were compiled and ranked accordingly.

Funding Recommendations & Final Tally Sheet

Based on final scores and available funding, the following funding recommendations are provided. The table below reflects the HOME-ARP Selection Committee Results, including the applicant name, approved activities, and the amount awarded per activity.

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Non-Profit Organization	Grade	Activity(ies)	Requested Funding Amount	Recommended Award Amount
Christian's Manor	96	Case Management, Financial Assistance Costs, Mental Health Services, Outreach, Services for Special Populations	\$279,600	\$190,592.42
Hidalgo County Health & Human Services	96	Food, Outpatient Health Services, Transportation Services	\$250,000	\$170,415.25
Tropical Texas Behavioral Health	95.67	Case Management, Education Services, Employment Assistance & Job Training, Housing Search & Counseling, Life Skills Training, Outreach	\$123,800	\$84,389.63
The Salvation Army	93.67	Case Management, Education Services, Employment Assistance & Job Training, Landlord/Tenant Liaison, Life Skills Training, Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse Treatment Services, Transportation Services	\$225,000	\$153,373.73
Texas RioGrande Legal Aid	92.67	Case Management, Legal Services, Outreach	\$250,000	\$170,415.25
Women Together / Mujeres Unidas	91.83	Case Management, Financial Assistance, Food, Life Skills Training, Mental Health Services, Outreach, Services for Special Populations	\$255,615	\$174,242.78
Gracious Hearts	91	Case Management, Child Care, Financial Assistance, Short-term Rental Assistance, Transportation Services	\$45,000	\$30,674.75
Buckner Children & Family Services	87.67	Case Management	\$100,000	\$68,166.09

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Staff recommends approval of the above-listed funding allocations to support the implementation of HOME-ARP Supportive Services in alignment with program requirements and identified community needs.

Approval

Approved

Denied

Signature: _____

Joel Rivera, Ph.D., Director Urban County Program

Date: _____

5/15/2024