

# **Public Notice**

## **Proposed Substantial Amendment to Adopt New Preferences and Method of Prioritization for HOME-American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP) Funds**

Public Notice is hereby given that the City of Chattanooga will consider an amendment to its 2021-2022 Action Plan to adopt new preferences and method of prioritization for HOME-ARP funds.

Administered through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), the American Rescue Plan (ARP) provided funds to eligible communities to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability by assisting individuals or households who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations, by providing housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter. The City of Chattanooga received an allocation of \$2,966,210.00. The City did not adopt any preferences or methods of prioritization in its original allocation plan, stating that it would not prioritize but would assist all qualifying subpopulations.

### **Amendment – Adopt Preferences and Method of Prioritization**

To target the funding to best address needs of local families and individuals the City is proposing to amend its preferences and method of prioritization as follows:

The City will serve all qualifying populations (QPs) with a preference for individuals and families who are literally homeless (QP1) or at risk of homelessness (QP2).

Qualifying populations served by the City's HOME-ARP program will be further prioritized in the following order: (1st) QPs displaced by a Natural Disaster; (2nd) QPs Displaced by any level of government, federal, state or local; (3rd) QPs that are literally homeless as defined by HUD CoC Interim Rule § 578.3; (4th) QPs that are at risk of homelessness as defined by HUD CoC Interim Rule § 578.3. All other QPs (QP3, QP4) will be served after the QPs that meet the aforementioned preferences and prioritizations.

### **Amendments to Plans**

To accommodate this change, the City is amending its FY 2021 -2022 Action Plan in accordance with 24 CFR 91.05(c)(2) and subpart B of the federal regulations.

### **Public Comment Period and Process**

The City is accepting comments on this proposed amendment for a 15-day period beginning Thursday, July 6, 2023, and ending at 4:40 p.m. on Thursday, July 20, 2023.

Citizens wishing to submit comments regarding the amendment, may e-mail them to:

[Ldawson@chattanooga.gov](mailto:Ldawson@chattanooga.gov). Comments can also be made by phone at: (423) 643-7330 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday or be mailed, postmarked no later than July 20, 2023, to the following:

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