Asheville Regional Housing Consortium (ARHC) Meeting

July 20, 2026

THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE



Agenda

1. Attendance and Welcome
2. Approval of the May 13, 2026 Action Minutes
3. HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations and Funding
4. HOME-ARP Supportive Services Design
5. HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Substantial Amendment
    a. Preferences
    b. Referral Methods
6. Public Comment



HOME-ARP Overview

In 2021, Congress appropriated $5 billion in funds for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program – American Rescue Plan (HOME ARP) to address the need for homelessness assistance and supportive services

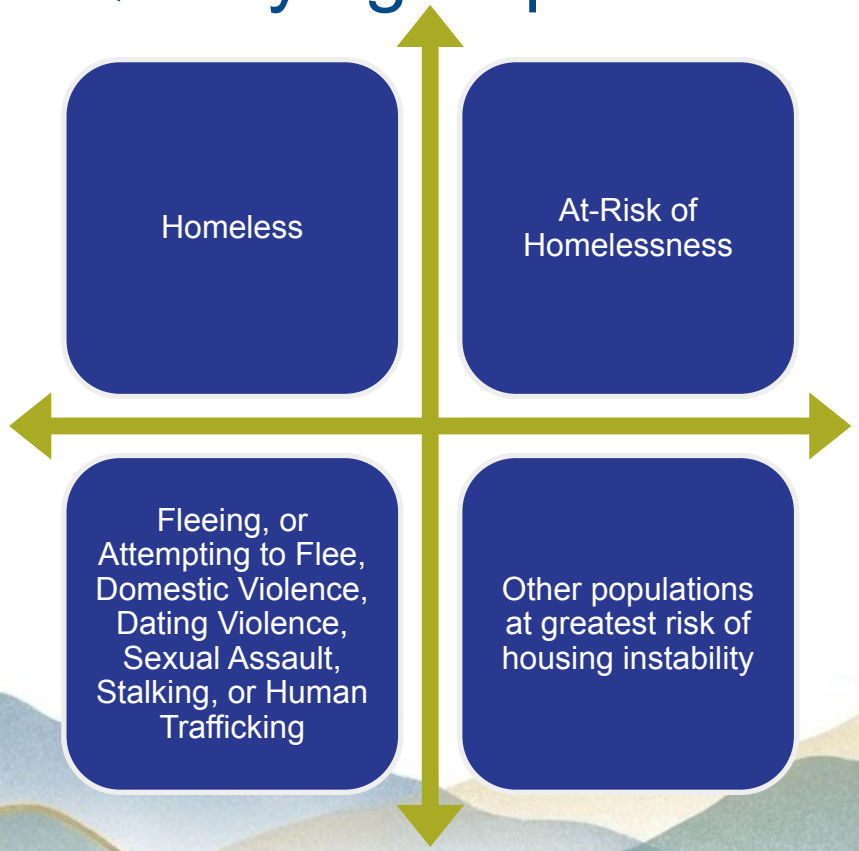
ARHC received a one-time $4.7 million allocation



Eligible Activities

- Development of Affordable Rental Housing
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
- Supportive Services
- Purchase and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter

HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations



HOME-ARP Program Funding

- Per the approved Asheville Regional Housing Consortium's HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, funds will be allocated as follows:

Project	Description	Funded Amount
Supportive Services	Funding for services including case management, mental health, substance abuse, rental and financial assistance	$1,000,000.00
Development of Affordable Housing	Funding for constructing, acquiring and/or rehabilitating affordable rental housing units	$3,001,942.70
Administrative & Planning	City of Asheville HOME-ARP staff salaries and planning costs, professional services (13% of allocation)	$704,979.30
Total Funded Amount		**$4,706,922.00**

HOME-ARP Supportive Services



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Program Design

- **Original Focus: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services.**
- **Recommendation:**
    - **Broaden Eligible Services:** Add short- to medium-term rental assistance and comprehensive case management to create a holistic approach that addresses both housing and stabilization needs.
    - **Align with Strategic Priorities:** Rapid Rehousing is a core strategy identified for expansion in the CoC Strategic Plan, ensuring consistency with regional goals.
    - **Enhance Program Impact:** Incorporating financial assistance and supportive services under a Rapid Rehousing model accelerates housing placement and improves long-term outcomes for Qualifying Populations.

HOME-ARP Supportive Services Preference

Preferences

- Establishes which qualifying population or subpopulation will have a priority in application selection for a HOME-ARP activity. Preferences allow us to better support unmet needs and services gaps.
- 2023 Allocation Plan did not identify preferences.

Recommendation

- Add preference option in HOME-ARP Supportive Services for
  - Individuals and families experiencing homelessness
  - Individual and families that experienced their first episode of homelessness after Hurricane Helene.



HOME-ARP Supportive Services Referral Methods

Referral Methods

- HOME-ARP allows for three types of referral methods and requires description of how Coordinated Entry systems will be used in the process, if at all.
- 2023 Allocation Plan did not identify use of the Coordinated Entry system

Recommendation

- Add referral method information regarding the use of the Coordinated Entry system since those experiencing homelessness will be receive a preference in selection.
- Coordinated Entry & Other Referral Methods will allow the Coordinated Entry system in both Asheville-Buncombe and Balance of State CoC to play a role in referrals to HOME-ARP Supportive Services projects.
- Allocation Plan will include language to reiterate HOME-ARP requirements when prioritizing waitlists and how the applicant selection to reduce audit findings for the applicant selection process.

Public Comment

