

City of Burlington HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Planned Revisions

April 7, 2022

Chittenden County Homeless Alliance Steering Committee Meeting



What didn't change?

- Funding allocation
 - \$1.125 million for development of new rental housing serving homeless populations
 - \$150k capacity grants for non-profits undertaking HOME-ARP activities
 - \$225 for admin over 8 years
- Public comment period opened March 2nd, ended April 1st
- Public Hearing occurred at March 17th CDNR Meeting
- Board of Finance and City Council for approval April 25th*
- Expected HUD approval of plan in May
- Expected RFP out sometime in June

Proposed Plan Updates

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Changes made to the plan based on feedback received via public comments:

- Applications must be presented to the CCHA for feedback regarding:
 - their plan for referrals
 - partnership between developer, Continuum of Care, local housing authority, if any, and social service providers who work with the target population to serve homeless households.
- The presentation must make clear whether the Coordinated Entry system will be used for tenant selection, and if not, why and what other or a project-specific waitlist is proposed.

Proposed Plan Updates

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- HOME-ARP assisted units must:
 - be leased to those experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness per the requirements of CPD Notice-21-10;
 - referred through the local system of Coordinated Entry to housing unless an alternate plan has been approved by CEDO in consultation with the CCHA.
- Added a new application evaluation criterion:
 - Points will be awarded based on the strength of the applicant's commitment to and plan for leasing all units designated to serve those who have experienced homelessness *through the local Coordinated Entry system*, unless otherwise approved by CEDO in consultation with the CCHA.

Proposed Plan Updates

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- Changes in response to Cathedral Square’s comments:
 - Soften language that we require proof of funding for services and instead require that the applicant demonstrate commitment to housing retention services and detail how they will plan to provide those services.
 - Change language requiring commitment of Project Based Section 8 vouchers at application submittal to a requirement that by closing project has received a commitment of sufficient PBS8 vouchers for the HOME-ARP units.
- Based on feedback from HUD and VHCB:
 - Rental housing developed with HOME-ARP dollars will serve Qualifying Populations (“QPs”)
 - CES (or project-specific waitlist per waiver approved per the above) may not exclude any of the QPs
 - If receiving a waiver from CES, project will be required to provide a Tenant Selection Plan that demonstrates how the project will meet the requirements of the program per CPD Notice 21-10
 - Developer shall have an agreement or MOU with the CoC which describes referral methods and assurances that the CE works with all QP’s. If the project receives a waiver from CE and uses a project-specific waitlist, then the approved tenant selection plan pool must include all QPs.

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