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Public Hearing- Solicitation of Comments in Review of the revised draft Holyoke-Westfield-Chicopee HOME Consortium HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

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The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 appropriated \$5 billion to provide housing, services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations. These funds were allocated by formula to jurisdictions that qualified for funding through the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME Program) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This special round of funding is called the "HOME-ARP" program. In September 2021, HUD awarded the Holyoke-Westfield-Chicopee HOME Consortium \$3,329,224. in HOME-ARP funds. Holyoke will receive approximately 52% of the allocation.

Eligible activities that may be funded with HOME-ARP include:

- (1) development and support of affordable housing;
- (2) tenant-based rental assistance;
- (3) provision of supportive services (such as housing counseling, homelessness prevention, child care, job training, legal services, case management, moving costs, rental applications, and rent assistance); and
- (4) acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units.

Funds must primarily benefit individuals and households in the following qualifying populations:

- Experiencing homelessness (as defined in 24 CFR 91.5 "Homeless" (1), (2), or (3))
- At risk of homelessness (as defined in 24 CFR 91.5 "At risk of homelessness")
- Fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, (as defined in 24 CFR 5.2003)
- Other populations with high risk of housing instability (including highly cost-burdened low-income households, households who have moved two or more times in the last 60 days, and households living in a hotel/motel)

HUD requires that the city conduct a public hearing prior to the development of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan to gather comments on the types of activities needed in Holyoke, and the number and types of beneficiaries. This public hearing is to review the draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and to gather comments. Other information related to the use of HOME-ARP funds is welcomed as are commenters from Westfield and Chicopee. Written and oral comments will be accepted until February 23, 2023, by emailing comments to zoellera@holyoke.org, calling 413-322-5610 or mailing comments to the Office for Community Development, City Hall Annex, Room 400, Holyoke MA 01040. See Public Comment Notice.

Persons requesting accessibility or translation services for this public hearing should contact the City of Holyoke Office for Community Development at 413-322-5610 or zoellera@holyoke.org at least three days prior to the hearing date. Las personas que soliciten servicios de accesibilidad o traducción para esta audiencia pública deben comunicarse con la Oficina de Desarrollo Comunitario de la Ciudad de Holyoke al 413-322-5610 o zoellera@holyoke.org al menos tres días antes de la fecha de la audiencia.

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