

Date April 18, 2022

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM – AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ALLOCATION PLAN
(HOME-ARP)**

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, President Biden signed ARP into law, which provides over \$1.9 trillion in relief to address the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy, public health, State and local governments, individuals, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the ARP appropriated \$5 billion to help communities provide housing, shelter, and services for people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2021, HUD notified the City of Des Moines that it would receive a HOME-ARP allocation of \$3,556,317.00; and

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2021 by Roll Call No. 21-1563, Council approved the HUD-ARP grant agreement with HUD; and

WHEREAS, up to 15 percent, or \$553,447.55, of the allocation may be used for administrative and planning costs of the City, and up to 5 percent, or \$177,815.85, of the allocation may be used for operating costs of other non-profit organizations, including homeless providers; and

WHEREAS, the remaining 80 percent, or \$2,845,053.60, must be used for four eligible activities that must primarily benefit qualifying individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or in other vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, HOME-ARP funds can be used for four eligible activities including the production or preservation of affordable housing; tenant-based rental assistance; supportive services, including homeless prevention services and housing counseling; and the purchase or development of non-congregate shelter for individuals and families experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, HOME-ARP funds must be used for individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness; are at risk of homelessness; are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; are a part of other populations where aid would prevent homelessness; and veterans and families that include a veteran family member who meet one of the previous criteria; and

WHEREAS, provisions under HUD's Community Planning and Development (CPD) Notice 21-10 regarding requirements for use of funds in the HOME-ARP Program require the City to submit a HOME-ARP allocation plan to HUD as a substantial amendment to its Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Action Plan; and



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WHEREAS, following guidelines from CPD Notice 21-10, City of Des Moines staff developed a draft HOME-ARP allocation plan using consultations and data from the Polk County Continuum of Care, Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency, Des Moines VA, and other local homelessness or at-risk populations service providers; and

WHEREAS, the City Council must conduct a public hearing to review the HOME-ARP allocation plan and receive citizen comments regarding the plan prior to submission, and provide notice of the hearing to be published with reasonable notice before it is held; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2022, by Roll Call No. 22-0416, in compliance with the HUD regulations, the City Council set a public hearing for April 18, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. to obtain citizen comments regarding the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan; and

WHEREAS, due notice of the public hearing was published in the Des Moines Register on April 1 2022, hard copies of the draft HOME-ARP allocation plan were available at all of the Des Moines Public Library branches, hard copies of multiple translations of the plan were made available at Neighborhood Services offices, and a virtual copy was posted on the city's web site in order to provide citizens with the opportunity to participate in the hearing; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on this date has been opened and those seeking to comment on the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan have been afforded the opportunity to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that:

1. All public comments regarding the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan have been received and the hearing is hereby closed.
2. The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, on file with the City Clerk and by this reference made a part hereof, is hereby approved.
3. The City Manager or their designee is hereby authorized and directed to submit the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

(Council Communication No. 22-182)



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Moved by Gatto to continue to the May 9, 2022 Council Meeting. Second by Sheumaker.

FORM APPROVED:

Judy K. Parks-Kruse, Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE	✓			
BOESEN	✓			
GATTO	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
SHEUMAKER	✓			
VOSS	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
TOTAL	7			

CERTIFICATE

I, P. KAY CMELIK, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

J. M. Franklin Cownie, Mayor

P. Kay Cmelik, City Clerk