

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



Agenda Date:	January 3, 2023
Action Required:	Resolution
Presenter:	Alexander Ikefuna, Director of Community Solutions
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Title:	Expressing support for the TJPDC Allocation Plan for HOME – American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding (1 reading)

Background

The City of Charlottesville is an Entitlement Community and receives an annual HOME allocation as part of the Thomas Jefferson District Planning Commission HOME Consortium. In April 2021, the City was informed of HUD's HOME Investment Partnerships Program – American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funding award for \$2,452,270, for the City of Charlottesville, Albemarle, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa and Nelson Counties. The City's share of the HOME-ARP award is \$347,404.92.

Discussion

As a Consortium, the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC) is responsible for coordination and administration of this fund. A regional Needs Assessment was conducted by the TJPDC in spring of 2022, as mandated by HUD Regulations. The TJPDC is also required to develop and submit a Regional Allocation Plan that includes the City of Charlottesville, to HUD for approval. The City will conduct a Request for Proposal (RFP) process to solicit potential applicants to submit application for funding. The City plans to spend the funds to develop affordable housing for the qualifying populations.

The TJPDC expects to submit the Allocation Plan to HUD by February 1, 2023.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

Approval of this agenda item aligns directly with Council's vision for **Economic Sustainability, A Center for Lifelong Learning, Quality Housing Opportunities for All, and A Connected Community**. It contributes to a variety of Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives including: Goal 1: Inclusive, Self-sufficient Community; Goal 3: Beautiful Environment; Goal 4: Strong, Diversified Economy; and Goal 5: Responsive Organization.

Community Engagement

The consultant hired to conduct the Needs Assessment had extensive consultations with small and focused groups, one-on-one interviews that covered current programs and services, the number and

types of persons served, intake and referrals process, gaps and local homeless services, priority gaps to be addressed, and the different needs among urban and rural jurisdictions.

After the Allocation Plan is approved by HUD, staff will conduct an RFP process to solicit proposals for funding. The recommendations will go through the public review process, Action Plan Amendment, and subsequently Public Hearing, prior to the City Council consideration and approval.

Budgetary Impact

All proposed HOME-ARP projects will be carried out using only the allocated funds to be received by the City of Charlottesville from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the TJPDC Consortium.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the resolution requesting the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC) to transmit the proposed Regional Allocation Plan to HUD for review and approval.

Suggested Motion: "I move the RESOLUTION expressing Council Support for the TJPDC Allocation Plan for HOME - AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN Funding"

Alternatives

No alternatives are proposed.

Attachments

1. RESOLUTION HOME ARP Plan TJPDC 010323