

Public Meeting – Housing Urban Development HOME Program American Rescue Plan

TOTAL FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR AMERICAN SAMOA:	\$950,062.00
PROJECT FUNDING:	\$807,552.70
ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS:	\$142,509.30

The American Rescue Plan appropriated \$5 billion to help communities provide housing, shelter, and services for people experiencing and other qualifying populations. These HOME-ARP funds are in addition to the regular FY 2021 HOME formula allocation. This one-time funding creates a significant opportunity to meet the housing and service needs of our community's most vulnerable populations.

HOME-ARP funding gives jurisdictions significant new resources to address their homeless assistance needs by creating affordable housing or non-congregated shelter units and providing tenant-based rental assistance or supportive services.

HOME-ARP funds are allocated through the HOME formula to all participating jurisdictions that qualify for an annual HOME Program allocation for FY 2021. HOME-ARP funds must be used for individuals or families from the following qualifying populations: homeless; at-risk of homelessness; fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; other populations where providing assistance would prevent the family's homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability; and veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meet one of the preceding criteria. HOME-ARP funds are available for expenditure until September 2030.

The American Samoa Government along with the Development Bank of American Samoa as the facilitator or the administrator of the program would like to present its allocation plan for the use of the HOME-ARP funding. A public hearing will be held on March 28, 2023, at the Lee Auditorium at 10:00am to 11:00am. This plan will then be submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the final approval before we start on the implementation of the plan. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to give the public the opportunity to hear about the allocation plan and give their comments. The attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and comment about the allocation plan, general financing, the impact of the plan on our homelessness population (and other qualifying populations as mentioned above) alternatives, and other general inquiry. For information, please contact Sina Palauni Tufele at 633-1819 or email sina.palauni@go.as.gov



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