

Legislation Text

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HOME-American Rescue Plan Act Funding Support Requests

Action:

- A. Approve \$9,566,784 in HOME-American Rescue Plan Act funds for contracts providing various services supporting the mitigation of COVID-19 impacts in the Charlotte community, as follows:**
- **United Way of Central Carolinas, \$4,898,984;**
 - **Socialserve, \$1,350,360;**
 - **The Salvation Army, \$1,188,000;**
 - **Roof Above, \$1,065,480;**
 - **Hope House Foundation, \$443,560;**
 - **The Relatives, \$323,400;**
 - **Dreamkey Partners, \$297,000; and**
- B. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to negotiate and execute any necessary contracts and agreements related to these support requests.**

Staff Resource(s):

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Explanation

- On August 9, 2021, City Council appropriated \$11,566,784 in HOME American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to address COVID-19 impacts in the community.
- On December 6, 2021, City Council approved \$2,000,000 in funding to support substance abuse recovery services provided by the Charlotte Rescue Mission.
- On March 28, 2022, City Council received a presentation providing an overview of the request for proposals recommendations for HOME Program funding.
- The City worked with community partners through a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process to identify the most beneficial uses for the remaining \$9,566,784 in HOME ARPA funding.
- The following agencies are recommended for funding to provide tenant-based rental assistance and/or supportive services to people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness:
 - United Way of Central Carolinas, \$4,898,984;
 - Socialserve, \$1,350,360;
 - The Salvation Army, \$1,188,000;
 - Roof Above, \$1,065,480;
 - Hope House Foundation, \$443,560;
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Background

- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) HOME Program provides formula grants to states, localities, and communities based on population. The funds are used in partnership with local for-profit and non-profit groups to fund a wide range of activities such as constructing, purchasing, and/or rehabilitating affordable housing for rental or homeownership

opportunities for households earning 80 percent and below the Area Median Income as mandated by HUD. HOME funds may also be used to provide direct rental assistance to low-income households.

- To help address the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress appropriated additional HOME Program funds in H.R. 1319, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.
- As a result of the ARPA, the City is estimated to receive a total of \$11,566,784 in additional HOME Program funding.
- Eligible uses of the funding include:
 - Tenant-based rental assistance;
 - The development and support of affordable housing pursuant to federal requirements;
 - Supportive services such as transitional housing, housing counseling, and homelessness prevention services; and
 - The purchase and development of non-congregate shelter units.
- HOME Program funding provided under the ARPA must be used to benefit individuals or families who are:
 - Homeless;
 - At risk of homelessness;
 - Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; or
 - Veterans and families that include a veteran who meets one of the preceding criteria.
- Funds will expire on September 30, 2025.

Fiscal Note

Funding: HOME-ARPA Funding

Attachment(s)

March 28, 2022 Action Review Presentation