## HOME-American Rescue Plan (ARP) Allocation Plan Fort Bend County Public Notice

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has allocated \$3,322,057.00 to Fort Bend County in HOME-ARP program funds to provide housing, services, and shelter to specific qualifying populations (QPs). These four QPs are:

- 1. Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5;
- 2. At risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5;
- 3. Fleeing or Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking (referred herein as domestic violence/sexual assault/trafficking); and
- 4. Other populations who do not qualify under any of the populations above, but meet one of the following criteria:
  - A. Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness; and
  - B. Those At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability; or
- 5. Veterans and Families that include a Veteran Family Member that meet the criteria in one of 1-4 above.

The HOME-ARP statue reflects Congress's intent that HOME-ARP activities benefit all four QPs to address housing instability and homelessness. In accordance with the HOME-ARP statute, the County must design and administer the HOME-ARP program to provide all four QPs with access to HOME-ARP projects or activities. The eligible HOME-ARP activities are:

Supportive Services

Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters'

Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

Development of Affordable Rental Housing (Permanent Supportive Housing-PSH)

Non-Profit Operating

Non-Profit Capacity Building

Administration and Planning

The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan describes how the County intends to distribute its HOME-ARP funds for each eligible HOME-ARP activity type and how it will use these funds to address the needs of HOME-ARP qualifying populations. The draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan will be available for public review and comment from Friday, February 24, 2023 to Friday, March 10, 2023.

A public meeting will be held on Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., at the William B. Travis Building, 301 Jackson St., 6th Floor Meeting Room, and Richmond, Texas to receive comments from the public regarding the draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. The public is encouraged to attend and to submit comments to Carol Borrego, Community Development Director, at the Fort Bend County Community Development Department, 301 Jackson St., Suite 602, Richmond, Texas

77469 or <a href="mailto:communitydevelopment@fortbendcountytx.gov">communitydevelopment@fortbendcountytx.gov</a>. Comments will be incorporated into the draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan document, as appropriate.

Persons with vision or hearing impairments or other individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids and services may contact the department at (281) 341-4410 regarding reasonable accommodations for the meeting. This venue is accessible for persons with physical disabilities. Spanish language translators are available at the meeting for persons with Limited English Proficiency. Persons requiring other language translators must contact the department at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at (281) 341-4410 to request translation services for the meeting.