



CoC Stakeholder Meeting: “1) HOME-ARP Fund Uses & 2) Equity and People With Lived Experience of Homelessness”

The Contra Costa Continuum of Care (CoC) Stakeholder meetings are biannual meetings designed to create a forum for stakeholders to provide input on issues related to homelessness.

Monday, February 14, 2022; 1:00 pm – 3:00 PM

Registration Link: https://homebaseccc.zoom.us/join/9tZYSfu-trz4jH9JQ3F4VBQQHi_xuVGw7rNIs

AGENDA

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter
1:00	1. Introductions	a. Jo Bruno, Vice Chair, <i>Council on Homelessness</i>
HOME-ARP Fund Uses		
1:10	2. HOME-ARP Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Allocation received b. Qualifying Populations c. Eligible activities d. Planning process 	a. Kristin Sherk, Senior Housing Planner, Contra Costa County, Department of Conservation and Development
	3. Survey Questions – Poll Everywhere	a. Kristin Sherk
	4. Q & A	a. All
Equity And People With Lived Experience Of Homelessness		
2:10	5. Activity: Laying it on the Line	a. HomeBase
	6. What is Equity?	a. HomeBase
	7. C4 Innovations Equity Report	a. Jaime Jenett, H3
	8. Activity: Creating Meaningful Partnerships With People with Lived Expertise (Breakout Room Discussions)	b. All
2:52	9. Announcements	a. All
2:57	10. Pin It	a. Jo Bruno, Vice Chair, <i>Council on Homelessness</i>



Commonly Used Acronyms

Acronym	Definition
APR	Annual Performance Report (for HUD homeless programs)
CARE	Coordinated Assessment and Resource
CCYCS	Contra Costa Youth Continuum of Services
CDBG, CDBG-CV	Community Development Block Grant (federal and state programs) and the federal Community Development Block Grant CARES Act coronavirus allocation.
CESH	California Emergency Solutions and Housing program (state funding)
Continuum of Care (CoC)	Continuum of Care approach to assistance to the homeless. Federal grant program promoting and funding permanent solutions to homelessness.
Con Plan	Consolidated Plan, a locally developed plan for housing assistance and urban development under CDBG.
CORE	Coordinated Outreach Referral, Engagement program
COVID-19	Coronavirus
DOC	Department Operations Center
EHSD	(Contra Costa County) Employment and Human Services Division
EOC	Emergency Operations Center
ESG and ESG-CV	Emergency Solutions Grant (federal and state program) and the federal Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act coronavirus allocation.
ESG-CV	Emergency Solutions Grant CARES
FMR	Fair Market Rent (maximum rent for Section 8 rental assistance/CoC grants)
HCD	Housing and Community Development (State office)
HEAP	Homeless Emergency Aid Program (State funding)
HEARTH	Homeless Emergency and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009
HHAP	Homeless Housing and Assistance Program
HMIS	Homeless Management Information System
HOME	Home Investment Partnerships (CPD program)
HUD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (federal)
MHSA	Mental Health Services Act
NOFA/NOFO	Notice of Funding Availability/Notice of Funding Opportunity
PHA	Public Housing Authority
PUI	Persons Under Investigation
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration
SRO	Single-Room Occupancy housing units
SSDI	Social Security Disability Income
SSI	Supplemental Security Income
TA	Technical Assistance
TAY	Transition Age Youth (usually ages 16-24)
VA	Veterans Affairs (U.S. Department of)
VASH	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing
VI-SPDAT	Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool

CoC
Stakeholder
Meeting:
HOME-ARP
Funds

MONDAY

FEB. 14, 2022

1:00 PM

HOME-ARP Agenda

HOME-ARP Presentation

- Allocation received
- Qualifying Populations
- Eligible activities
- Planning process

Survey Questions

- Poll Everywhere
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Q & A

Allocation of HOME-ARP Funds to Contra Costa County



\$10,276,683 available for activities.



The funds must be spent by 2030.



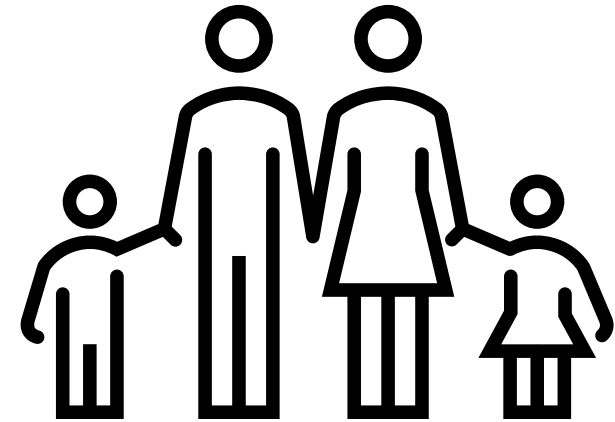
The funds are eligible to be used for projects Countywide.

HOME-ARP Funds - Introduction

HOME-ARP funds are from the American Rescue Plan Act for the purpose of providing assistance to individuals or households who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability.

HOME-ARP funds can be used for 4 eligible activities:

1. Preservation and production of affordable rental housing
2. Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
3. Housing Related Supportive Services
4. Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters (NCS)



Qualifying Populations (QP)

Funds must primarily benefit eligible populations:

Homeless

At-risk of
homelessness

Other populations where
assistance would prevent
homelessness or serve
those with greatest risk of
HSG instability

Veteran's and families that
include a veteran member
that meet one of the
other qualifying criteria

Fleeing or attempting to
flee domestic violence,
dating violence, sexual
violence, stalking, or
human trafficking

HOME-ARP Rental Housing -

Acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction of affordable rental housing to be occupied by a QP household.

- Unlike the regular HOME Program, which targets HOME-assisted rental units based on tenant income, 70% of all HOME-ARP units will admit households based only upon their status as a QP household.
- QP households are eligible based solely on meeting one of the HOME-ARP QP definitions.
- Project-based rental assistance for HOME-ARP units are encouraged to cover project operating costs.
- 15-year HOME-ARP required minimum term.
- The use of HOME-ARP funds to provide ongoing operating cost assistance or capitalize a project operating cost assistance reserve to address operating deficits of the HOME-ARP units is eligible.
- Underwriting guidelines and subsidy layering are required. All costs associated with a project are required to be considered necessary and reasonable.

HOME-ARP

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

HOME-ARP TBRA would assist QP households for housing related costs.

- Assistance may be provided to cover the entire cost or insufficient amounts that the household cannot pay.
- Rental units only; homebuyer is ineligible.
- Up to 100% subsidy housing costs may be provided.

HOME-ARP TBRA is tenant-based.

- This assistance is attached to the household and not a particular rental unit.
- A household may move to another unit with continued assistance if the unit meets applicable property standards.

Eligible costs include:

- Rental assistance
- Security deposit payments
- Utility payments, as part of rental assistance or security deposit payments
- Costs of housing inspections

HOME-ARP Supportive Services

HOME-ARP funds may be used for to provide a broad range of supportive services:

- Qualifying individuals or families
- Separate activities or in combination with other HOME-ARP activities.
- Not already receiving these services through another program.

Eligible supportive service categories under HOME-ARP:

- McKinney-Vento
- Homeless Prevention (adapted from ESG regulations)
- Housing Counseling

Non-Congregate Shelter (NCS)

For purposes of HOME-ARP, NCS is defined as one or more buildings that:

- Provide private units or rooms for temporary shelter
- Serve individuals and families that meet one or more of the QPs
- Do not require occupants to sign a lease or occupancy agreement

NCS – Eligible Activities:

- Acquisition of structures to be used as NCS (Rehab not required because structure is in standard condition)
- New construction of structures to be used as NCS (with or without land acquisition)
- Rehab of existing structures (motels, nursing homes, etc.) to be used as NCS (with or without land acquisition)
 - Must meet all applicable state and local property standards

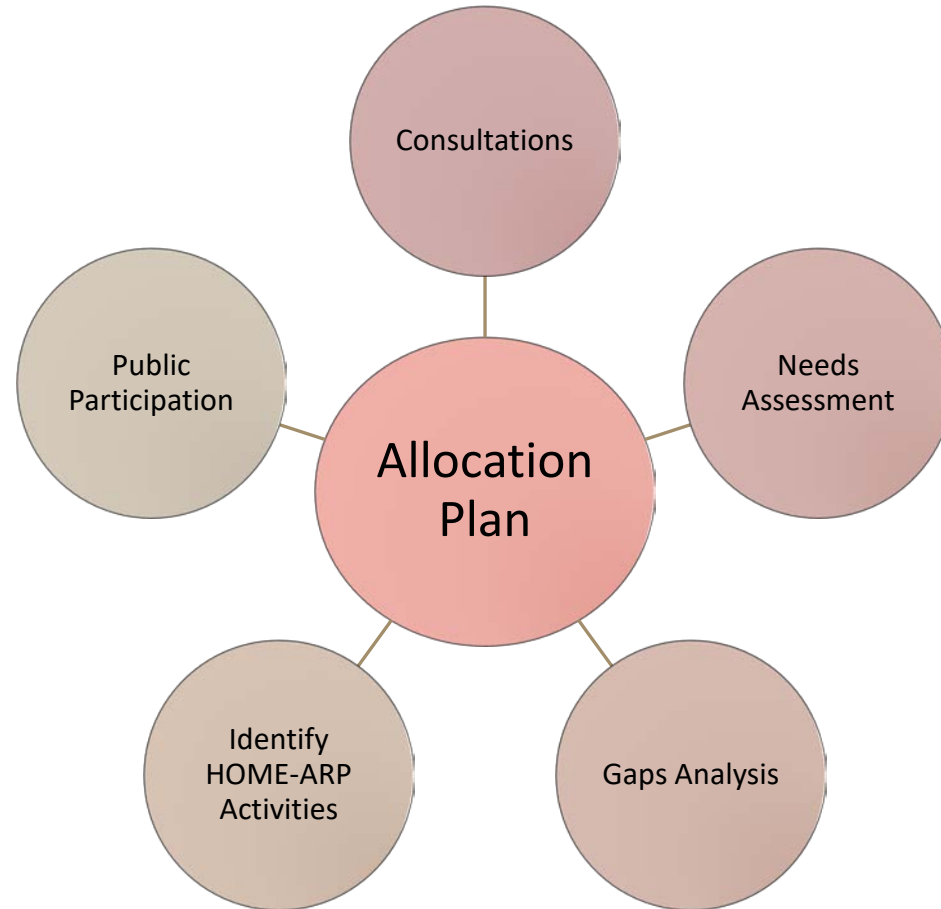
NCS – Eligible Costs:

- Acquisition Costs
- Demolition Costs
- Development Hard Costs
- Related Soft Costs
- Replacement Reserve

NCS – Prohibited Costs:

- Pay ongoing costs of operating a HOME-ARP NCS
- Convert NCS to permanent rental housing

Planning Process Requirements



Required Consultations



To receive its HOME-ARP funds, the County must engage in consultation and public participation processes and develop a HOME-ARP allocation plan. One of the first administrative steps is to conduct the consultations required by HUD.

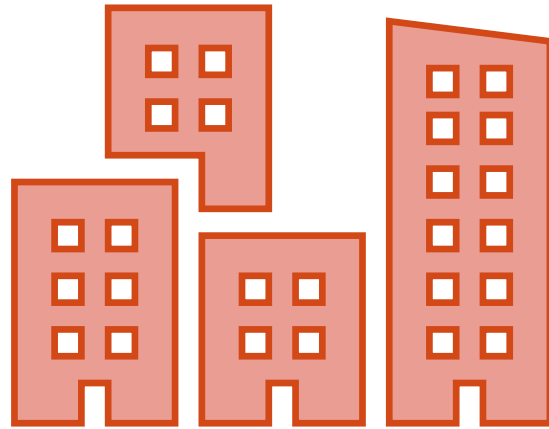


All consultation provides an opportunity to better understand the needs in Contra Costa and which eligible activities can be most impactful.



This consultation process supports the creation of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

Needs Assessment & Gaps Analysis



Consideration for the housing and service needs of QPs in Contra Costa such as:

1. Shelter and unsheltered homeless populations;
2. Currently housed populations at risk of homelessness;
3. Other families requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness; and
4. Those at greatest risk of housing instability or in unstable housing situations.

How to join Poll Everywhere:



Go to PollEv.com
Enter JOH NK706



Text **JOH NK706** to 22333 on your
phone to join.



Questions?

Thank you for attending!

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**EQUITY
ASSESSMENT**

Homebase and H3



AGENDA

Activity: Laying it on the Line

What is equity?

C4 Innovations Equity
Assessment Report

Activity: Creating Meaningful
Partnerships with People with
Lived Expertise

ACTIVITY: LAYING IT ON THE LINE



ACTIVITY: LAYING IT ON THE LINE

- We will be using the **poll** feature to identify your level of agreement with the following statements
- Each slide will give a prompt and a scale. Your answers will be confidential (i.e., H3 and Homebase will have the ability to access them)
- For example: Are you ready to begin this activity?



1

No – Can you please repeat the directions?

2

Maybe – I think I get it, but I have 1-2 clarifying questions.

3

Yes – let's go!

I AM FAMILIAR WITH RACIAL EQUITY AS A TERM/CONCEPT.



1
Disagree

2
Neutral

3
Agree

WHEN DEVELOPING A RESPONSE TO HOMELESSNESS, WE NEED TO CENTER RACE.



WHAT IS EQUITY?

VIDEO: EQUALITY, EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE



C₄ INNOVATIONS EQUITY ASSESSMENT REPORT



POLL QUESTION

Did you attend the Jan. 14th C4 Innovations
Racial Equity Report Briefing?

C₄ INNOVATIONS EQUITY REPORT - BACKGROUND

- Purpose: provide guidance on advancing the Continuum of Care's racial equity work
- 51 findings and recommendations, 5 categories:

Data Processes &
Quantitative
Data

Qualitative Data

Policies &
Procedures

Coordinated
Entry Processes

Partnerships with
People with Lived
Expertise (PWLE)

Black/African American and Native Indian/Alaska Native were over-represented in the CoC relative to the county census data (4x among Black/African American and 2x among Native Indian/Alaska Native)

Black/African American/African consumers returned to homelessness at a higher rate than any other racial group of consumers (43%)



RACE EQUITY: CONTRA COSTA COC



51 RECOMMENDATIONS?!

- Council on Homelessness → Racial Equity Working Group
- Oversight, HMIS, PATH Innovations
- H3, Current TA Providers

ACTIVITY: CREATING MEANINGFUL
PARTNERSHIPS WITH PEOPLE WITH
LIVED EXPERTISE (PWLE)





FOR DISCUSSION TODAY...

- We will be focused on **Partnerships with People with Lived Expertise (PWLE)**
- Why?
 - We need this infrastructure to help guide the implementation of the other recommendations.
 - This is an area without clear alignment within our current Continuum of Care structure.
 - We've made some improvements over the past year, but we need to do a lot more to create meaningful partnerships.

POLL QUESTION

Did you have lived expertise of homelessness?

WHY IS ENGAGING PWLE IMPORTANT?

- Direct experience and knowledge of what works and what is needed
- Integral to working for equity and power sharing
- Provides professional and personal development opportunities

What are some other reasons?

ACTIVITY: CREATING MEANINGFUL PARTNERSHIPS WITH PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERTISE (PWLE)

- 4 Breakout Rooms
- Choose which topic/breakout room you want to join
- 20 minutes of facilitated discussion
- Use Jamboard to take notes
- Marginalized identities speak first (PWLE + BIPOC) (step up, step back)