

HOME-ARP

Federal program overview, and Philly's plan to house people who are homeless

The Biden administration signed the American Rescue Plan (ARP) into law on March 11, 2021. The ARP provides \$1.9 trillion to help state and local governments, businesses and individuals recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. \$5 billion is set aside to address homelessness nationally, funds referred to as HOME-ARP. Philadelphia has \$42 million in one-time HOME-ARP funds, money we will use to help make homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring in our city.

QUICK FACTS



\$42.0M
FOR HOMELESS HOUSING
EXCLUSIVELY



ONE-TIME
FUNDS
SPENDING
ENDS

**SEPTEMBER
2030**

HOME-ARP money can be used to



1. Acquire, rehabilitate and/or develop housing for people who are homeless.
2. Give time-limited rental assistance to homeless individuals.
3. Offer services to help people stabilize their housing situation.
4. Acquire, rehabilitate, and/or develop non-congregate shelter.
5. Help build capacity of nonprofits working on related projects.

HOME-ARP money cannot be used for

1. Operating costs for shelters or affordable housing programs.
2. Social services unrelated to the program's work or activities.

The program can serve people who are

- ▲ Experiencing homelessness.
- ▲ Fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking.
- ▲ In need of assistance to prevent homelessness or reduce risk of housing insecurity.
- ▲ Veterans experiencing homelessness, and their families.

PHILADELPHIANS' PRIORITIES FOR HOMELESS FUNDING

The Office of Homeless Service (OHS) gathered input from over 1,000 people on the use of HOME-ARP funding through surveys, phone calls and community meetings. This is what Philadelphians want:

PRIORITIZED ACTIVITIES

1. Acquisition and development of homeless housing.
2. Support services.
3. Rental assistance.
4. Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter.

PRIORITIZED POPULATIONS

1. People experiencing homelessness.
2. Victims and survivors of domestic violence.
3. Those facing housing insecurity, like people exiting institutions, couch surfing and with very low incomes.
4. Veterans.

OHS will use these funds to serve the communities hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. With an eye toward racial equity, the money can enable a more just and inclusive recovery. More than 85% of those experiencing homelessness in Philadelphia are people of color.

For more information about HOME-ARP and homelessness in Philadelphia, visit:

www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/home-arp
www.phila.gov/ohs