

Delaware County

HOME-ARP Non-Congregate Shelter

Questions and Responses

Q: What is the expected award announcement date?

A: Upon receipt of responses, they will be reviewed by a County committee, summarized and presented to County Council for consideration. Although an official date is not identified, notice should be provided within 3-4 months of receipt.

Q: What is the required timeframe within which awardees must begin providing services?

A: HOME-ARP funds are required to be expended prior to September 30, 2030. It is expected that the Non-Congregate Shelter (NCS) will be occupied within 6 months of NCS rehabilitation for occupation.

Q: What is the drawdown process to access awarded funds? Could you please clarify which method(s) of accessing grant funds will be used for this award, such as reimbursement, advance payment, milestone-based disbursements, or another approach, based on your policies and the structure of this grant?

A: Accessing funding will depend on the activity the funding is supporting. Most funds will be provided via reimbursement or paid directly to the contractor for work completed. If acquisition is supported payment will be made to the Settlement Company prior to closing. The County processes payments every two week and invoices are usually paid within 4 weeks of receipt.

Q: What is the anticipated timeline for disbursing the awarded funds (e.g., over 1, 2, or 5 years)?

A: HOME-ARP funds are required to be expended prior to September 30, 2023.

Q: Delaware County was allocated \$3,732,740 in HOME-ARP funds. With \$2,422,829 allocated for NCS projects, what is the plan for the remaining \$1,309,911?

A: The remaining funds are available for development of rental housing and County Program Administration.

Q: Will the County issue future RFPs to fund any of the remaining eligible activities under HUD guidance (e.g., supportive services, tenant-based rental assistance, or affordable housing)? If so, when?

A: No additional RFPs are planned at this moment.

Q: The RFP states that “efforts will be made to leverage other funds to maximize the benefit of the HOME-ARP grant.” Can you elaborate on: What funds are intended to be leveraged? Will additional RFPs be released for these funds? If yes, has a date been identified, and when will that information be made public? Will awardees have direct access to these leveraged resources?

A: Availability of additional County leveraged funds will depend on the estimated budget of the selected proposal. Funding could include Federal CDBG, Federal HOME and/or County Affordable Housing Funds. Leveraged funds provided by the County will be approved by County Council based on availability. Additional RFPs to secure leveraged funds for the establishment of the NCS will not be issued. It is expected that the provider will be aware of additional grants, State and Federal Funding that can be accessed for development of the NCS if the estimated budget is above the identified HOME-ARP funding.

Q: Per HUD Notice CPD-21-10 (p. 24), participating jurisdictions may provide operating cost assistance or establish operating cost reserves. Does the County plan to offer this support to cover any operating deficits?

A: The County did not identify operating cost assistance or reserves in the approved HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

Q: Under HUD Notice CPD-21-10 (p. 42), HOME-ARP funds may be used to provide a broad range of supportive services. Will the County provide HOME-ARP funding to cover supportive services as part of the NCS award?

A: The County did not identify funding for supportive services in the approved HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

Q: CPD-21-10 (p. 67) allows for up to 10% of funds to be used for nonprofit operating and capacity-building expenses. Does the County intend to make these funds available to awardees?

A: The County did not identify funding for nonprofit operating and capacity building expenses in the approved HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

Q: Will the County obtain the required zoning and land development approvals?

A: Zoning and land development approvals is the responsibility of the applicant. It is recommended that if a site is identified applicants review the local Zoning Code and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance to ensure that the proposed NCS is allowable.