



Legislation Text

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Public Hearing: YES NO

Department: Community Development

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): All

Approval of Agreements with Agencies to use HOME-ARP Funding to provide Rental Assistance and/or Supportive Services to DeKalb County, HOME-ARP Eligible Qualifying Populations in an amount not to exceed \$6,697,504.

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PURPOSE:

To consider approving agreements with agencies to provide rental assistance and supportive services using HOME-ARP funds that were allocated by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to serve eligible qualifying populations.

NEED/IMPACT:

Community Development conducted community-wide listening sessions with agencies, community members, and other stakeholders. Additionally, the Department surveyed stakeholders to determine the needs of the County's qualifying population. Based on the outcome of the sessions and surveys, the Department submitted an Allocation Plan to HUD. Subsequently, HUD approved the Allocation Plan and awarded \$7,800,770 in HOME-ARP funds to DeKalb County (\$6,630,680 for the provision of rental assistance and supportive services to eligible qualifying populations and \$1,170,090 for administrative support). The County will allocate \$6,630,680 to agencies for the provision of rental assistance and supportive services; with an additional \$66,824 for administration. The remaining \$1,103,266 in administrative funds will support the multi-year additional staffing and other expenses required to administer the program, monitor agencies, document performance, and generate reports to HUD. The total award amount must be expended by 2030. However, plans are in place to expend all funds prior to December 2025 and complete the administrative wrap-up shortly thereafter.

HUD requires that agencies expend allocated funds to provide rental assistance and/or supportive services to eligible qualifying populations, which include households that are homeless, at risk of homelessness, fleeing domestic violence, and cost-burdened, as defined in the HOME-ARP notice. A listing of agencies and funding amounts are included in Attachment 1. Definitions of eligible qualifying populations and activities are included in Attachment 2.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact on the County. All funds are provided by HUD.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the development of agreements with agencies in an amount not to exceed a total of \$6,697,504 for all agencies listed in Attachment 1; and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute all necessary documents. In addition, authorize the Community Development Department Director to reallocate agency funding and/or fund additional agencies as agency performance is evaluated and additional eligible qualifying population needs are identified.