

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**Substantial Amendment to Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Annual Action Plan
Revised HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan**

Proposed Revisions to HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

The Sonoma County Community Development Commission (Commission) proposes to amend the Sonoma County FY 2021-22 Annual Action Plan by modifying the Sonoma County HOME-ARP Allocation Plan (Allocation Plan). The Allocation Plan was adopted by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors on March 14, 2023, and is a requirement of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the use of \$2,991,512 of federal HOME-ARP grant funds. The Allocation Plan provides an assessment of shelter and housing inventory, needs, and gaps of the following population groups: homeless, at-risk of being homeless, persons and/or households experiencing, fleeing, or with a history of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and other vulnerable populations, including veterans. These federal funds are available countywide to community-based organizations, non-profit organizations, and affordable housing developers except for activities/projects located within or primarily benefiting residents of the cities of Santa Rosa and Petaluma. These funds are not directly available to individuals or families.

The proposed changes to the Allocation Plan will modify the planned use of funds to transfer all remaining unallocated funds from the supportive services and non-congregate shelter categories into the affordable housing category as shown in the table below:

Use Category	Original Amount in Category (Percentage)	Amount Allocated to Projects in FY 2021-22 Action Plan Substantial Amendment	Proposed Amount to Transfer	Proposed Net Amount Available in Category
Supportive Services	\$1,196,604.80 (40%)	\$160,000	\$1,036,604.80	\$0
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$747,878 (25%)	\$0	\$747,878	\$0
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$598,302.40 (20%)	\$598,302		\$1,784,482.80
Administration and Planning	\$448,726.80 (15%)			Unchanged at \$448,726.80
Total	\$2,991,512 (100%)	\$758,302	\$1,784,482.80	\$2,991,512

The development of affordable housing is identified as one of the high priorities in the 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan. The proposed change would allow the County of Sonoma to advance its mission to end homelessness through the production of affordable housing. During the FY 2024-25 Annual Action Plan process, the Commission received multiple applications for the development of affordable housing projects, one eligible supportive services application, and no applications for acquisition and development of non-congregate shelters. The proposed modifications to the Allocation Plan would support the timely use of the funds to meet the need for housing by the qualifying populations under this program. Sonoma County will continue to support eligible supportive services and the development/preservation of non-congregate shelter projects with other federal and non-federal funding programs.

30-Day Public Review and Comment Period

Members of the public are encouraged to review the proposed Substantial Amendment to FY 2021-22 Annual Action Plan for the revisions to the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and submit comments to the Commission. The adopted Allocation Plan and proposed amendments are available at the following locations for review:

1. Sonoma County Library, Santa Rosa Branch, 211 E Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95404, Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Tuesday and Wednesday 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. and Sunday 1:00 P.M. to 5 P.M.
2. Sonoma County Community Development Commission, 1440 Guerneville Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95403, Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 5 P.M.
3. Hard or digital copy available upon request by contacting Veronica Ortiz-De Anda at 707-565-7520 or by email at Veronica.Ortiz-DeAnda@Sonoma-County.org
4. By accessing this link: https://share.sonoma-county.org/link/xSm1w_Tiza4/

Public comment may be submitted from **May 25, 2024 through June 25, 2024** in one of the following ways:

1. Email to: Veronica.Ortiz-DeAnda@Sonoma-County.org
2. In writing mailed or delivered to the Sonoma County Community Development Commission, 1440 Guerneville Road, Santa Rosa, CA, 95403, Attention: V. Ortiz-De Anda.
3. At the public hearing on June 26, 2024, as indicated below.

Public Hearing

The Sonoma County Community Development Committee (CD Committee) and the Cities and Towns Advisory Committee (CTAC) will hold concurrent public hearings at a Special Meeting to review and recommend approval of the proposed FY 2021-22 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment for revisions to the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan to the Board of Supervisors, who is tentatively scheduled to consider the recommendations on July 9, 2024. The concurrent public hearings for the CD Committee and the CTAC will be held as a hybrid in-person and teleconference meeting on the following date and time:

Date: **Wednesday, June 26, 2024** **Time:** **10:00 A.M.**
Location: **1440 Guerneville Road, Santa Rosa, CA, 95403, Hearing Room**

Members of the public can attend the meeting in person or may participate virtually by accessing the following link:

<https://sonomacounty.zoom.us/j/96914050771?pwd=d3VMNmlvKzRoRjNSUzFNdnc2RDVPdz09>

Webinar ID: 969 1405 0771

Passcode: 013093

Or by telephone by calling: +1 669-900-9128 / +1 669-444-9171

For more information or if you need an interpreter, language services, need to make a reasonable accommodation request, and/or require a person to assist you while attending these hearings, please contact Veronica Ortiz-De Anda by calling 707-565-7520 (TDD 707-565-7555) or by email at Veronica.Ortiz-DeAnda@Sonoma-County.org as soon as possible to ensure arrangements.