

Osceola County HOME Consortia



Substantial Amendment to the 2021 Annual Action Plan HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

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HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Template

Guidance

- To receive its HOME-ARP allocation, a PJ must:
 - Engage in consultation with at least the required organizations;
 - Provide for public participation including a 15-day public comment period and one public hearing, at a minimum; and,
 - Develop a plan that meets the requirements in the HOME-ARP Notice.
- To submit: a PJ must upload a Microsoft Word or PDF version of the plan in IDIS as an attachment next to the “HOME-ARP allocation plan” option on either the AD-26 screen (for PJs whose FY 2021 annual action plan is a Year 2-5 annual action plan) or the AD-25 screen (for PJs whose FY 2021 annual action plan is a Year 1 annual action plan that is part of the 2021 consolidated plan).
- PJs must also submit an SF-424, SF-424B, and SF-424D, and the following certifications as an attachment on either the AD-26 or AD-25 screen, as applicable:
 - Affirmatively Further Fair Housing;
 - Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan;
 - Anti-Lobbying;
 - Authority of Jurisdiction;
 - Section 3; and,
 - HOME-ARP specific certification.

Participating Jurisdiction: Osceola County HOME Consortium

Date: 5/20/2022

Consultation

Before developing its plan, a PJ must consult with the CoC(s) serving the jurisdiction’s geographic area, homeless and domestic violence service providers, veterans’ groups, public housing agencies (PHAs), public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations, and public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities, at a minimum. State PJs are not required to consult with every PHA or CoC within the state’s boundaries; however, local PJs must consult with all PHAs (including statewide or regional PHAs) and CoCs serving the jurisdiction.

Summarize the consultation process:

In an effort to meet the consultation requirements of the HOME-ARP Notice and maximize participation from local housing and supportive services providers, who directly serve the qualifying populations identified in the HOME-ARP Notice, Osceola County used its existing

Consultation Agencies list from its 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and sent out e-mail communications to eleven local organizations to request input on priority housing needs and potential projects to fund with the HOME-ARP allocation. Out of the eleven organizations contacted, five organizations accepted one-on-one consultation meetings held via Zoom, one organization provided comments via e-mail communication, one organization attended the January 25, 2022 public meeting and provided comment, and four organizations did not respond to our requests for consultation. Responses received from the local organizations consulted are described in the table below.

List the organizations consulted, and summarize the feedback received from these entities.

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
The HOPE Partnership, Inc.	Local Non-Profit Organization	Meeting via Zoom on 2/3/2022	Housing Needs to Address: Construction of new affordable rental housing with supportive services for homeless persons/families
Osceola Council on Aging	Local Non-Profit Organization/CHDO	Meeting via Zoom 2/17/2022	Housing Needs to Address: Construction of new affordable rental housing for Seniors. Housing rehabilitation for Veterans.
Homeless Services Network of Central Florida	Continuum of Care	Meeting via Zoom 2/24/2022	Housing Needs to Address: Construction of new affordable rental housing for chronically homeless persons/families currently in Homeless Mgmt Information System (HMIS)
Osceola County Veterans Services Program	Osceola County Department	E-mail communication 2/22/2022	Housing Needs to Address: Construction of new affordable rental housing and rental assistance for homeless Veterans.
Help Now of Osceola	Local Non-Profit Organization	Meeting via Zoom 3/3/2022	Housing Needs to Address: Construction of new affordable rental housing with supportive services and non-congregate shelter with supportive services for persons/families who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and human trafficking
Helping Others Make the Effort	Local Non-Profit Organization	Meeting via Zoom 3/15/2022	Housing Needs to Address: Supportive Services and Homeless

			Prevention Services such as employment/education training, housing/credit counseling, transportation costs, food services, and rental assistance. Conversion of hotel/motel to permanent affordable rental housing for homeless and persons at-risk of homelessness.
The Salvation Army	Local Non-Profit Organization	Attended 1/25 Public Meeting via Zoom and provided comment	Housing Needs to Address: Supportive services such as rental/utility assistance and case management, and TBRA.
Agency Name.	Type of Agency/Org.	Method of Consultation.	Feedback.

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Public Participation

PJs must provide for and encourage citizen participation in the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan. Before submission of the plan, PJs must provide residents with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on the proposed HOME-ARP allocation plan of **no less than 15 calendar days**. The PJ must follow its adopted requirements for “reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment” for plan amendments in its current citizen participation plan. In addition, PJs must hold **at least one public hearing** during the development of the HOME-ARP allocation plan and prior to submission.

For the purposes of HOME-ARP, PJs are required to make the following information available to the public:

- The amount of HOME-ARP the PJ will receive,
- The range of activities the PJ may undertake.

Describe the public participation process, including information about and the dates of the public comment period and public hearing(s) held during the development of the plan:

- ***Public comment period:*** start date - 4/18/2022 end date - 5/2/2022
- ***Public hearing:*** 5/16/2022

In addition to the public comment period and the required public hearing, the Kissimmee City Commission approved the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan draft on May 3, 2022 with the revision

to change the maximum amount of months of TBRA to twelve (12) months from twenty-four (24) months in order to serve more households.

The fifteen (15) day public comment period was advertised on the Osceola County website, City of Kissimmee website, and published in the Osceola News-Gazette on April 28, 2022. No public comments were received.

A final Public Hearing was conducted during the regularly scheduled Osceola County Board of County Commissioners meeting on Monday, May 16, 2022. No public comments were received. The Osceola County Board of County Commissioners approved the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan for submission to HUD.

Describe any efforts to broaden public participation:

Prior to the development of the Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis section of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, Osceola County conducted a virtual community meeting via Zoom on January 25, 2022. A Public Notice to attend the community meeting was posted to the County's website on January 20, 2022 and invites were sent via e-mail to local housing and supportive services providers who have provided input on prior Annual Action Plans and Consolidated Plans. The purpose of this meeting was to get public input on the priority housing needs to address and types of housing projects the public would like to see happen with this funding. In addition, an online Housing Needs Survey link was published on the County's website, Facebook page, and on the Public Library System websites to collect public input on priority housing needs. Each Consultation participant was also asked to place the Housing Needs Survey link on their websites and provide their clientele with hard copies of the Survey to complete and submit at different local locations.

A PJ must consider any comments or views of residents received in writing, or orally at a public hearing, when preparing the HOME-ARP allocation plan.

Summarize the comments and recommendations received through the public participation process:

Most of the comments received during the initial public participation and consultation process centered around the specific housing needs for priority populations and types of projects that the public would like to see administered with the HOME-ARP funds. Housing needs included: Construction of new affordable rental housing for qualifying populations; acquisition and rehabilitation of hotels for permanent supportive housing; non-congregate emergency/transitional homeless shelters with supportive services to move people through the system of care; housing rehabilitation for veterans; rental assistance to qualifying populations; and supportive services such as employment placement/training services, food and nutrition services, access to healthcare, transportation services, etc.

Prior to its closure on May 16, 2022 the online Housing Needs Survey received 200 responses. Upon evaluation of the Survey responses it was determined that 94 percent of respondents identified themselves as residents of Osceola County, while 4 percent identified themselves as representatives of local non-profit housing services providers, and the remaining 2 percent identified themselves as employees of a government agency or department. The top housing need selected was emergency non-congregate shelter, followed by rental assistance and homeownership assistance activities. For clarification purposes, the Osceola County HOME Consortia elected to include a larger category housing activities to choose from than what is eligible under the HOME-ARP funding program in order to collect current qualitative data on overall housing needs.

Summarize any comments or recommendations not accepted and state the reasons why:

During the January 25, 2022 public meeting, there was a comment received from a local organization that recommended congregate vs. non-congregate shelter projects because congregate shelter projects would be more cost efficient. This commenter was informed that congregate shelter projects are not eligible under the HOME-ARP funding program.

Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

PJs must evaluate the size and demographic composition of qualifying populations within its boundaries and assess the unmet needs of those populations. In addition, a PJ must identify any gaps within its current shelter and housing inventory as well as the service delivery system. A PJ should use current data, including point in time count, housing inventory count, or other data available through CoCs, and consultations with service providers to quantify the individuals and families in the qualifying populations and their need for additional housing, shelter, or services. The PJ may use the optional tables provided below and/or attach additional data tables to this template.

OPTIONAL Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Homeless													
	Current Inventory					Homeless Population				Gap Analysis			
	Family		Adults Only		Vets	Family HH (at least 1 child)	Adult HH (w/o child)	Vets	Victims of DV	Family		Adults Only	
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds					# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter	627	162	644	#	53								
Transitional Housing	315	91	378	#	86								
Permanent Supportive Housing	45	136	1442	#	751								
Other Permanent Housing						#	#	#	#				
Sheltered Homeless						160	104	3	238				
Unsheltered Homeless						95	54	79	0				
Current Gap										#	#	#	#

Suggested Data Sources: 1. Point in Time Count (PIT); 2. Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count (HIC); 3. Consultation

OPTIONAL Housing Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Non-Homeless			
	Current Inventory	Level of Need	Gap Analysis
	# of Units	# of Households	# of Households
Total Rental Units	39,587		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	2,400		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	5,500		
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		5,195	
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		3,685	
Current Gaps			2,795

Suggested Data Sources: 1. American Community Survey (ACS); 2. Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS)

Describe the size and demographic composition of qualifying populations within the PJ's boundaries:

Homeless Persons and Families: In order to collect the most accurate data regarding persons experiencing homelessness in Osceola County, we consulted directly with the Homeless Services Network of Central Florida (regional CoC) via virtual meeting and e-mail communication. The COVID-19 pandemic has presented a unique challenge for Continuum's of Care to conduct their standard methods of collecting data for homeless persons and families in their jurisdictions. An annual Point-in-Time Count requires in person interaction and surveying, which was eliminated due to the health and safety measures put into place to protect employees, volunteers and persons experiencing homelessness. Instead, the Central Florida Commission on Homelessness (CFCH) and the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) team created a new data collection system called Community Snapshot on Homelessness. This new interactive tool uses demographics, performance indicators, and historical data to illustrate the size and demographics of a community's current homeless population. According to the Community Snapshot on Homelessness data collected between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021, there are approximately 730 persons currently experiencing homelessness in Osceola County. Of the 730 persons currently experiencing homelessness, 498 were identified as being part of a family unit with children, and 237 identified as being member of a single adult household without children. There are currently an estimated 336 persons in shelter, and 133 unsheltered persons, with the remaining number being currently housed in transitional or other permanent housing. When breaking down the current state of homelessness by qualifying populations surveyed, 236 households/persons identified as survivor's of domestic violence, 60 households/persons identified as persons with disabilities, and 82 households/persons identified as containing a Veteran. Other performance indicators included 322 persons reporting zero income, and 205 persons reported not having health insurance. In regards to gender, race, ethnicity, age demographics, males account for 51% and females account for 49% of Osceola County's homeless population. Persons who identified as white/caucasian account for 62% and persons who identified as black/African American account for 38% of Osceola County's homeless population. Persons who identified as Non-Hispanic account for 58% and persons who identified as Hispanic account for 42% of Osceola County's homeless population. Lastly, a survey conducted on age of persons experiencing homelessness concluded that children aged 0-17 account for 39%, persons age 18-24 account for 8%, persons age 25-49 account for 36%, and persons age 50+ account for 17% of Osceola County's homeless population.

Persons At-risk of Homelessness: In order to collect data on the size and demographics of persons at-risk of homelessness, Osceola County relied heavily on data resources such as the HUD CPD mapping tool, Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS), and the Osceola County 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan to describe households that meet the HUD definition of "at-risk of homelessness" (21 CFR 91.5). According to the data evaluated, there are approximately 6,410 renter households in the 0-30% AMI income category in Osceola County. Approximately 5,195 renter households in the 0-30% AMI income category also experience 1 or more of the severe housing problems, making them more vulnerable to be at-risk of homelessness.

Persons Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking: According to the Florida Department of Health, there were 2,219 reported cases of domestic violence reported in Osceola County in 2019. That number grew to 2,267 reported cases of domestic violence by the end of 2020. Unfortunately, due to the timing of the development of this Allocation Plan, there are no current statistics to report for the year 2021, so the County relied on data from the 2020-2024 HOME Consortium Consolidated Plan and provided during direct consultations with local housing and supportive agencies to accurately describe the size and demographic composition of this qualifying population. In 2020, Help Now of Osceola reported that they serve approximately 4,350 families (including children) and 2,575 individuals who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking on an annual basis. Within this population, approximately 3,000 are children under the age of 18 years old. Demographically speaking, women with children account for the highest gender population served, and most have an extremely-low or no household income. Furthermore, the Children's Advocacy Center Osceola reported that as of 2020, they serve approximately 300 children who are victims of domestic violence and 405 children who are victims of sexual assault each year. While consulting with Helping Others Make the Effort (H.O.M.E.), a division of ASPIRE Health Partners, it was mentioned that while women account for the highest gender population of victims of domestic violence seeking housing and supportive services assistance through their organization, domestic violence does not discriminate based on age or gender and all victims in need of housing assistance and supportive services are prioritized equally.

Other Populations Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness or are at Greatest Risk of Housing Instability: According to the HOME-ARP Notice, "other populations" includes households with annual incomes that are less than or equal to 30% of the area median income, and are experiencing severe cost burden (i.e., is paying more than 50% of monthly household income or has an annual income of less than or equal to 50% of the area median income, as determined by HUD, and is experiencing one or more of the common housing problems (i.e., overcrowding, cost burden, substandard housing), facing immediate eviction, is paying to live in a hotel or motel or other non-family member due to economic hardship, or other unstable housing situation. According to Osceola County 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan data, there are approximately 6,860 households with annual incomes less than or equal to 30% of the area median income and experience severe cost burden. Likewise, there are approximately 5,420 households with annual incomes less than or equal to 30-50% of the area median income and experience severe cost burden. That number increases to 8,849 households with annual incomes less than or equal to 30-50% of the area median income and experience at least one other common housing problem. This means that at least 15,709 households requiring or receiving housing assistance to prevent homelessness or at greatest risk of housing stability qualify under this definition.

Veterans and Families that include a Veteran Family Member: According to the 2020 U.S. Census Bureau data, there were an estimated 18,385 Veterans living in Osceola County. Of this figure an estimated 1,456 of these Veterans were living below the poverty level. During

consultation with the Homeless Services Network of Central Florida (CoC) in February 2022, it was mentioned that there are approximately 79 unsheltered, homeless veterans in Osceola County. Most of these cases also involve individuals with physical disabilities and suffering from mental illness that are harder to locate and enter into the homeless system of care. Furthermore, Osceola County Veterans Services identified permanent, affordable rental housing options and rental assistance as the greatest need to assist homeless veterans in Osceola County.

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations, including but not limited to:

- ***Sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations;***
- ***Those currently housed populations at risk of homelessness;***
- ***Other families requiring services or housing assistance or to prevent homelessness;***
and,
- ***Those at greatest risk of housing instability or in unstable housing situations:***

In order to evaluate and describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations in Osceola County, the County used local reports provided the Homeless Services Network (CoC) of Central Florida and other local housing and supportive services organizations rather than universal data sources like the American Community Survey or Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) because the data provided by universal data sources do not accurately reflect the recent economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on housing availability and affordability. According to latest Community Snapshot on Homelessness Report, there are approximately 336 sheltered persons and 133 unsheltered persons who are currently accounted for in Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) in Osceola County. According to the Homeless Services Network of Central Florida, there is a lack for permanent supportive housing available for chronically homeless persons/families which is leading to increased times in emergency shelters and reducing the availability of space and services for unsheltered populations. In regards to currently housed populations, but at risk of homeless and other families requiring housing assistance to avoid homelessness, the availability of affordable rental housing in the current market is a great concern considering that even with financial assistance, there is a lack of housing stock for households with an income of 30% or less of the area median income. Likewise, qualifying populations facing housing instability and living in unstable housing situations, like hotels or other short-term rentals, are spending more of their income to remain temporarily housed rather than investing in more permanent housing options, which continues the cycle of housing instability. Other unmet service needs of qualifying populations include increased transportation costs, utility costs, and food costs due to current economical factors including inflation and interruptions in the supply chain.

Identify and consider the current resources available to assist qualifying populations, including congregate and non-congregate shelter units, supportive services, TBRA, and affordable and permanent supportive rental housing:

Osceola County, the City of Kissimmee, and our local housing and supportive services organizations rely on Federal, State and other local funding sources to provide the necessary resources to assist qualifying populations on an annual basis. There are several local

organizations that provide congregate and non-congregate shelter beds/units, permanent housing solutions and supportive housing services for specific designated qualifying populations. In 2021 alone, approximately 654 persons/families exited the homeless response system due to housing and supportive services provided through the regional CoC, Homeless Services Network of Central Florida. According to the latest Housing Inventory Count, there are approximately 2,992 emergency shelter, transitional housing, rapid re-housing and permanent supportive housing beds available to homeless households without children in network. There are approximately 2,170 emergency shelter, transitional housing, rapid re-housing and permanent supportive housing beds available to homeless households with children in network. The approximate bed coverage rate on an annual basis for homeless households without children is 92.01% and 87.34% for homeless households with children. The bed coverage rate means the total number of beds in the CoC's inventory network, or in the region covered by the CoC which includes Orange, Seminole and Osceola Counties. The Housing Inventory Count does not provide the approximate number of beds currently in use. Other resources available through local housing and supportive services providers, like Hope Partnership Inc., include emergency food pantries, which served over 22,000 persons experiencing poverty or food insecurity in Osceola County, assistance to obtain personal identification for employment or financial assistance, which served 888 persons in Osceola County, and permanent employment or vocational training, which served 11 persons in Osceola County in 2021. In addition, both Osceola County and the City of Kissimmee, through HOME Program Consortia, contribute a portion of its annual HOME Program allocation affordable housing development and affordable permanent housing opportunities, as well as other eligible activities such as Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) for qualifying populations. In 2021, the HOME Program Consortia contributed \$959,778 towards projects preserve or produce affordable housing in Osceola County. In 2021, Osceola County also received a total of \$23,025,547.50 from the U.S. Department of Treasury's Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERA1 and ERA2) to provide direct financial assistance to qualifying households to increase housing stability and prevent homelessness. Osceola County also administers a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program that currently serves approximately 1,597 low-income families in Osceola County, with approximately 18 vouchers being designated specifically for Veterans and their families.

Identify any gaps within the current shelter and housing inventory as well as the service delivery system:

According to Homeless Services Network of Central Florida's latest Housing Inventory Count Report in 2021, there are a sufficient number of emergency shelter and transitional housing beds available within network, but one issue that creates a gap in availability is not all available beds are located in Osceola County. The inventory of shelter beds are located throughout all three counties, Orange, Seminole and Osceola County, which makes up the CoC's network. Similarly, when persons re-locate from other counties to Osceola County and use our local resources, it creates an increased gap in the availability for persons in need of shelter who already reside here. Local housing and supportive services organizations, such as Help Now of Osceola, who serve specific qualifying populations like persons and families fleeing or attempting to flee, domestic violence, also experience this issue due to the increase in new households in need of services

versus the already limited resources available. In addition to emergency shelter, there is a shortage in the availability of supportive services such as transportation to medical appointments and access to healthcare services for persons residing in emergency shelter or transitional housing.

Using the recommended universal data sources, such as the American Community Survey (ACS) and Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS), proved to be unsuccessful due to the data's age and inaccuracy in properly describing any gaps in the current housing inventory, so the County relied on alternative sources of information provided directly from housing and supportive services organization partners and County internal Departments to help illustrate the lack of availability or affordable housing for qualifying populations. As previously mentioned in the Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis section of this HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, there is a shortage of affordable rental housing in Osceola County due to the lack of availability of housing stock for households with income less than 50% of the area median income and that shortage increases for households with income less than 30% of the area median income, who also experience at least one severe housing problem or are categorized in one or more qualifying populations. During the Consultation Process, we learned that additional Section 8 Housing Choice vouchers have been issued to local housing and supportive services organizations in an effort to keep low-income families stably housed during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, due to the shortage in available, affordable rental housing and participating landlords within the County, families are residing in temporary housing, such as hotels and motels, or on waiting lists longer than usual or are being forced to re-locate outside of the County with their voucher. Another gap identified during the Consultation process, is the availability of affordable rental housing that is dedicated to certain qualifying populations, such as age-restricted communities, that would be safe and suitable living environments for other unstably housed qualifying populations if the requirements were lifted.

Identify the characteristics of housing associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness if the PJ will include such conditions in its definition of “other populations” as established in the HOME-ARP Notice:

According to the HOME-ARP Notice, persons or families with a household income of less than 30% of the area median, and also experience severe cost burden (spending 50% or more of their monthly income on housing expenses) or persons or families with a household income of less than 50% of the area median income, and also experiences a condition that deems the household “at-risk of homelessness” (i.e., receives housing assistance, moves frequently; lives in the home of another due to economic hardship; lives in a hotel or motel that is not paid for by a charity or organization; or experiences overcrowding) are defined as eligible “other populations” to target with HOME-ARP funds. According to the Osceola County HOME Consortium 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, there are an estimated 16,578 households that qualify under this HUD definition of at greatest risk of housing instability or homelessness. Furthermore, previous Osceola County reports and plans have demonstrated a high number of persons or families who reside in short- or long-term hotels or motels, specifically along State Road 192 in target areas designated with high concentration of slum and blight. In addition, the negative economical

impacts caused by COVID-19 pandemic and the rising rental market rates has contributed to the growing number of persons or families at-risk of homelessness, increasing the need to address the housing situations of this qualifying population.

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

In order to determine the priority needs for qualifying populations, Osceola County conducted direct consultations with local housing and supportive services providers, as well as the evaluation of the Housing Needs Survey results. After consultation with several local organizations, one priority need was very apparent, the production of new affordable rental housing for multiple qualifying populations including chronically homeless persons, homeless veterans, and persons at risk of homelessness with household incomes of less than 30% AMI and at least one severe housing problem. Other priority needs identified included housing rehabilitation for veterans to improve affordability, permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless persons and families, rental assistance for veterans and persons at risk of homelessness with household incomes less than 30% AMI and experience at least one severe housing problem, increased emergency shelter and transitional housing opportunities for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking. In addition, current results received through the Housing Needs Survey include priority needs such as the construction emergency non-congregate shelters, rental assistance for qualifying populations, and direct financial assistance to support homeownership activities.

Explain how the level of need and gaps in its shelter and housing inventory and service delivery systems based on the data presented in the plan were determined:

The level of need and gaps within the shelter and housing inventory and service delivery systems was based on a combination of trusted data sources and direct consultations with local housing and supportive services providers and County internal Departments and Programs. During the development of the Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis section of the Allocation Plan, the County experienced challenges with using recommended universal data sources like the American Community Survey or the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy mainly because the data is based on surveying conducted prior to 2019, and does not take into account the tremendous negative financial impacts caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, the County elected to rely on current, quantifiable and qualitative data from reputable sources during the Consultation Process.

HOME-ARP Activities

Describe the method for soliciting applications for funding and/or selecting developers, service providers, subrecipients and/or contractors and whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:

The Osceola County HOME Consortia contains two separate units of local governments, Osceola County and the City of Kissimmee, who will elect to use their own allowable, internal methods for the implementation of HOME-ARP funds. The distribution of funds in the

supportive services funding category will either be determined in a competitive solicitation of applications from local housing and supportive services provider organizations, or using a fair distribution method that provides a percentage of the allocation to local housing and supportive services provider organizations who submit a proposal to administer HOME-ARP funds on eligible activities. For activities within the development of affordable rental housing or acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter funding categories, Osceola County and the City of Kissimmee will use their internal procurement methods to select and contract with a qualified housing developer to conduct required construction activities, in accordance with HOME Program and HOME-ARP Notice guidelines. The City of Kissimmee will either administer the tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA) in-house or contract with a local housing and supportive service provider to administer the funds.

If any portion of the PJ's HOME-ARP administrative funds were provided to a subrecipient or contractor prior to HUD's acceptance of the HOME-ARP allocation plan because the subrecipient or contractor is responsible for the administration of the PJ's entire HOME-ARP grant, identify the subrecipient or contractor and describe its role and responsibilities in administering all of the PJ's HOME-ARP program:

This section is not applicable since the Osceola County HOME Consortia will not be allocating any portion of the HOME-ARP grant funds to a subrecipient or contractor prior to HUD's acceptance of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

PJs must indicate the amount of HOME-ARP funding that is planned for each eligible HOME-ARP activity type and demonstrate that any planned funding for nonprofit organization operating assistance, nonprofit capacity building, and administrative costs is within HOME-ARP limits. The following table may be used to meet this requirement.

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 544,412.60		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ 0.00		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 360,000.00		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 1,878,395.40		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 173,925.50	5 %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ 0.00	0 %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 521,776.50	15 %	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$ 3,478,510.00		

Additional narrative, if applicable:

Prior to describing how the Osceola County HOME Consortia will distribute the HOME-ARP funds to specific eligible activities, it is important to clarify how the funds will be allocated among the Consortia partners. The total allocation of HOME-ARP funds received is \$3,478,510.00. In accordance with the HOME Consortia Agreement between Osceola County

and the City of Kissimmee, 65 percent (or \$2,261,031.50) of the allocation will be allocated to activities benefitting qualifying populations in Osceola County, and 35 percent (or \$1,217,478.50) will be allocated to activities benefitting qualifying populations within the city limits of Kissimmee. Within the two sub-allocations of HOME-ARP funds, HUD allows Grantees to allocate up to 15 percent of the total allocation to Administration and Planning activities for the implementation of HOME-ARP funds. Osceola County is choosing to allocate 11 percent (or \$382,636.10) of the total allocation to eligible administrative activities for the implementation of HOME-ARP projects. The City of Kissimmee is choosing to allocate 4 percent (or \$139,140.40) of the allocation to eligible administrative activities for the implementation of HOME-ARP projects. The remaining funds will be allocated towards direct services for the completion of eligible HOME-ARP projects.

Osceola County proposes to allocate all of its direct services funding towards the development of affordable rental housing. Under this funding category, Osceola County proposes the development of two multi-family rental developments. The first project, Dillingham Apartments, will receive \$1 million in HOME-ARP funding for the development of 30 permanent supportive rental housing units that will be designated for chronically homeless individuals and families receiving case management services by Park Place Behavioral Health Care. The second project, Cameron Preserve: Phase II, will receive \$878,395.40 in HOME-ARP funding for the development of 88 rental housing units to serve qualifying populations and sub-populations.

The City of Kissimmee proposes to develop a non-congregate shelter facility to provide temporary housing and supportive services to individuals experiencing homelessness. The intent is to prioritize the needs of Osceola County based, unsheltered individuals and families in a 24/7/365 non-congregate setting for as long as necessary to end/or respond to their homelessness. The proposed project will consist of a minimum of 50 non-congregate units to house and provide services to unsheltered, homeless individuals and families. This project is being funded with a variety of Federal funding sources to finance the construction of the project. Funding sources include Community Development Block Grant CARES Act (CDBG-CV) rounds 1, 2 and 3, and American Rescue Plan Act. In order to expand on the benefits of this non-congregate shelter project and promote self-sufficiency, the City of Kissimmee is proposing to use HOME-ARP funds to offer residents of the non-congregate shelter facility Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), serving approximately 20 households for up to twelve (12) months of assistance, and other eligible supportive services including housing counseling, education, training and employment services, child care, etc.). The City of Kissimmee will also provide operating costs to the non-profit organization responsible for the implementation of daily operations and delivery of supportive services.

Describe how the characteristics of the shelter and housing inventory, service delivery system, and the needs identified in the gap analysis provided a rationale for the plan to fund eligible activities:

According to the Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis section, as well as the evaluation of responses received from the Consultation Process and Housing Needs Survey, there is a great

need to increase access to permanent, affordable rental housing for persons and families who are currently receiving housing assistance, but at-risk of homelessness; living in transitional housing; or are currently residing in emergency shelter, in order to create housing stability, promote self-sufficiency, and free up resources in the current shelter, housing and supportive services inventory for persons and families coming in to the system of care. Focusing on that priority need, the Osceola County HOME Consortia evaluated which eligible funding categories would make the greatest impact with the amount of funding available, and the types of eligible, “shovel ready” or planned projects that are on hold due to lack of funding. In addition, with other CARES and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funded programs coming to a close, and a deficit of Section 8 Program funding available for families relocating to Osceola County, the Osceola County HOME Consortia considered activities to continue funding for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) and other supportive housing services programs that would extend services to persons and families already relying on government housing assistance to avoid homelessness.

HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals

Estimate the number of affordable rental housing units for qualifying populations that the PJ will produce or support with its HOME-ARP allocation:

The Osceola County HOME Consortia anticipates to produce 88 permanent affordable rental housing units, 30 permanent supportive rental housing units, 50 non-congregate shelter units, support 10 households with TBRA, and support 50 households with other supportive services through local housing and supportive services provider organizations with this allocation of HOME-ARP funding.

Describe the specific affordable rental housing production goal that the PJ hopes to achieve and describe how it will address the PJ’s priority needs:

The Dillingham Apartments project is anticipated to produce 30 permanent supportive housing rental units into Osceola County’s current homeless housing inventory. The Cameron Preserve: Phase II project is anticipated to produce 88 permanent affordable rental housing units into Osceola County’s current housing stock and inventory. These projects were specifically chosen because access to new, permanent rental housing is the top priority identified in the Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis, and previous Annual Action and Consolidated Plans. In addition, both of the housing developers for Dillingham Apartments and Cameron Preserve: Phase I projects are leveraging a financial contribution, in the form of housing tax credits to ensure construction completion in accordance with Federal regulations and HOME Program guidelines.

Preferences

Identify whether the PJ intends to give preference to one or more qualifying populations or a subpopulation within one or more qualifying populations for any eligible activity or project:

- Preferences cannot violate any applicable fair housing, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements, including but not limited to those requirements listed in 24 CFR 5.105(a).
- PJs are not required to describe specific projects to which the preferences will apply.

Osceola County's Dillingham Apartments project will give preference to chronically homeless families and individuals that are currently under the care of Park Place Behavioral Health Care, and will assist with closing the homeless inventory gap by moving 30 homeless families or individuals from emergency shelter or transitional housing to permanent supportive rental housing. Osceola County does not intend to give specific preference to a qualifying population for its Cameron Preserve: Phase II project. However, it will encourage the housing developer, development management, and County internal staff to accept referrals from local housing and supportive services to serve qualifying populations and subpopulations in an effort to increase access to affordable housing and lessen the gap in the current affordable housing inventory for the most vulnerable populations of residents.

The City of Kissimmee intends to give preference to homeless families and individuals residing in the non-congregate shelter facility for its TBRA and supportive services activities. The TBRA supportive services activities will be delivered to shelter residents through local housing and supportive services providers.

If a preference was identified, explain how the use of a preference or method of prioritization will address the unmet need or gap in benefits and services received by individuals and families in the qualifying population or category of qualifying population, consistent with the PJ's needs assessment and gap analysis:

As thoroughly documented in the Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis section of this HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, there are unmet needs and gaps in every qualifying population or category of qualifying population identified. The only specific preference anticipated are supportive services activities provided to the homeless residents of the non-congregate shelter facility project. Prioritization of these services will help lessen the gap in benefits for those currently unsheltered, homeless residents in Osceola County by providing access to services and tools that promote self-sufficiency and will assist homeless individuals and families exit homelessness.

If a preference was identified, describe how the PJ will use HOME-ARP funds to address the unmet needs or gaps in benefits and services of the other qualifying populations that are not included in the preference:

As previously mentioned, there is only one activity that includes a preference to serve a specific qualifying population. Osceola County intends to allocate its entire sub-allocation of HOME-ARP funds to development of new affordable rental housing, TBRA, and supportive services activities that will be available to serve all other qualifying populations identified in the HOME-ARP Notice.

HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines

If the PJ intends to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME-ARP funds, the PJ must state its HOME-ARP refinancing guidelines in accordance with [24 CFR 92.206\(b\)](#). The guidelines must describe the conditions under which the PJ will refinance existing debt for a HOME-ARP rental project, including:

- ***Establish a minimum level of rehabilitation per unit or a required ratio between rehabilitation and refinancing to demonstrate that rehabilitation of HOME-ARP rental housing is the primary eligible activity***

This section does not apply because the Osceola County HOME Consortia does not intend to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing that is being rehabilitated for HOME-ARP funds.

- ***Require a review of management practices to demonstrate that disinvestment in the property has not occurred; that the long-term needs of the project can be met; and that the feasibility of serving qualified populations for the minimum compliance period can be demonstrated.***

This section does not apply because the Osceola County HOME Consortia does not intend to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing that is being rehabilitated for HOME-ARP funds.

- ***State whether the new investment is being made to maintain current affordable units, create additional affordable units, or both.***

This section does not apply because the Osceola County HOME Consortia does not intend to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing that is being rehabilitated for HOME-ARP funds.

- ***Specify the required compliance period, whether it is the minimum 15 years or longer.***

This section does not apply because the Osceola County HOME Consortia does not intend to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing that is being rehabilitated for HOME-ARP funds.

- ***State that HOME-ARP funds cannot be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program, including CDBG.***

This section does not apply because the Osceola County HOME Consortia does not intend to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing that is being rehabilitated for HOME-ARP funds.

- ***Other requirements in the PJ's guidelines, if applicable:***

This section does not apply because the Osceola County HOME Consortia does not intend to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing that is being rehabilitated for HOME-ARP funds.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DOCUMENTS

PUBLIC NOTICE
HOME – ARP ALLOCATION PLAN COMMUNITY PUBLIC MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022 (VIRTUAL)

Osceola County HOME Consortia is developing a substantial amendment to their FY 2021 Annual Action plan to include the HOME Investment Partnerships Program / American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funding. Osceola County has been awarded \$3,478,510.00 in HOME-ARP funding to provide housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter, to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability. The funding must primarily benefit qualifying individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or in a vulnerable population. Funding can be used on the following activities:

- Development and support of affordable housing
- Tenant Based rental assistance
- Provision of supportive services
- Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units

The purpose of this meeting is to obtain views from citizens, non-profit agencies, neighborhood associations, residents of public and assisted housing and other interested parties on housing and homelessness needs to be undertaken with federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) the HOME-ARP funding.

The public meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 25th, 2022 via zoom at the link below, and participation is strongly encouraged.

Assistance can be made for persons with disabilities or requirements for Spanish speaking residents upon request by calling Osceola County Human Services, 407-742-8423.

Topic: HOME-ARP Community Meeting

Time: Jan 25, 2022 05:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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**Housing & Community Services Dept.
HOME Investment Partnership (HOME)
American Rescue Plan (ARP)
Community Meeting
January 25, 2022**



Agenda

- Welcome
- Staff introductions
- Overview of the HOME ARP Program
- Eligible activities
- Questions/Public Comment
- Adjourn



HOME- ARP

- Signed into law March 2021 providing \$5 billion for the HOME-ARP Program
- HOME-ARP was established under CPD-21-10
- Program will provide homelessness assistance and supportive services
- Primary beneficiaries are those individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or in other vulnerable populations



HOME- ARP Qualifying Individuals

- Homeless
- At Risk of homelessness
- Fleeing, or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, staling or human trafficking



HOME- ARP Qualifying Individuals continued

- Part of other populations where providing supportive services or assistance would prevent a family from experiencing homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability
- Veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meets the criteria in any of the above



HOME- ARP Activities

- Development and support of affordable housing
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
- Provision of Supportive Services
- Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units



HOME- ARP Public Meeting

Comments from the Public

- Additional comments can be emailed to Elizabeth.rich@osceola.org
- Upcoming survey, visit <http://housing.Osceola.org>



THANK YOU!!

PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY
HOME – ARP ALLOCATION PLAN COMMUNITY PUBLIC MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022 (VIRTUAL)

Meeting Attendees:

Danicka Ransom, Osceola County Housing and Community Services
Elizabeth Rich, J.D., Ph.D., Osceola County Housing and Community Services
Vanessa Lopez, Osceola County Housing and Community Services
Jay Kolman, Osceola County Attorney
Frances DeJesus, City of Kissimmee Housing and Community Development
Heather Pullen, Langton Consulting
Taylor Beck, Langton Consulting
Captain Ken Chatman, The Salvation Army
Jorge Diaz, The Salvation Army
Nancy Vega, Osceola Council on Aging
Reverend Mary Downey, The HOPE Partnership

Meeting Overview:

The Public Meeting began at 5:30 p.m. EST with staff introductions and a brief overview of the purpose of the meeting. A brief Powerpoint Presentation was provided by Danicka Ransom to discuss the tasks and objectives of the Osceola County HOME Consortia HOME-ARP Allocation Plan process. After the presentation, Danicka Ransom opened the public comment portion to allow attendees to provide comments and suggestions for eligible projects and activities to consider for funding. After all comments were provided, Danicka Ransom closed the public comment portion and concluded the meeting. A digital recording of the meeting is available.

Summary of Public Comments Received:

An attendee mentioned that congregate emergency/transitional homeless shelters are more cost efficient and should be considered over non-congregate homeless shelters. A response was provided by County staff regarding the ineligibility of funding for the construction of congregate homeless shelters under the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Rule.

An attendee asked what strategy was being used to distribute the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan funding amidst the Consortia partners. A response was provided by County staff with the anticipated distribution being 65% funds to Osceola County and 35% for City of Kissimmee.

An attendee mentioned that case management, utility assistance and tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA) were good options for supportive services to fund.

An attendee asked how tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA) would be administered. A response was provided by County staff that any TBRA funded would be administered in-house

by the County or City, or by a local non-profit housing organization partner procured by the County or City.

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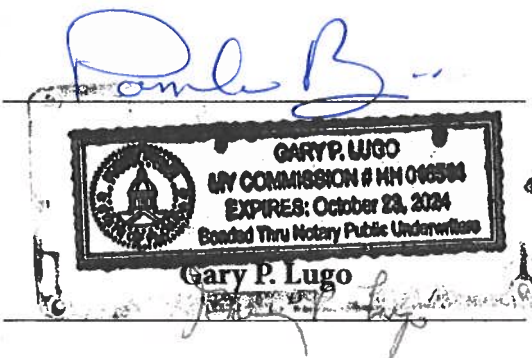
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Students have the opportunity to have individual recognition on social media by using the templates that Mr. Anthony Cook, Coordinator of College and Career Counseling for the Osceola School District, has shared @friendlyneighborhoodccc on Instagram. By following the instructions, these will be shared on Instagram and Facebook throughout the month of May to celebrate student decisions. Students are encouraged to use hashtags #sdoc4e #sdocgoodtogreat #bettermakeroom #celebrate #decisionday22.

Foster Youth Connection event prior to Tuesday Kissimmee meeting

By Ken Jackson
Editor

May is National Foster Care Awareness Month, and there are local efforts to advocate for those whose birth families are not around to do it for them.

For years, Pastor Rupert Henry has been championing for foster children at the church level through Foster Youth Connection, and through CarePortal, which partners church groups with the needs of foster children.

The efforts have worked to help reduce the number of foster youth in Osceola County, and earned recognition from the city of Kissimmee in the past.

"Kissimmee has stepped up in helping the cause," he said, noting the city partnered with CarePortal late last year.

Prior to Tuesday's Kissimmee City Commission meeting, Henry will hold an open forum at City Hall at 5:30 p.m. It will include an open-panel discussion about caring for the area's foster children, a question-and-answer session with foster youth agencies, along with information from those groups.

The city is expected to offer up a proclamation for May 2022 as Foster Youth Connection Month in Kissimmee.

"Each year we try to add to the platform, because there are still needs not being met," the pastor said.

PHOTO/PASTOR RUPERT HENRY

"This platform, I hope, will get more people involved, to ask, 'What can I do?'"

As part of Tuesday's Foster Youth Connection gathering, all area churches and businesses are invited to select one day of worship in May as Foster Youth Connection Day.

Henry works at the faith-based level of churches. He represents Christian churches.

"But all faiths are welcome. Help is help," he said. "Churches are a gathering point. It's a time when you have the ear of dozens of families at a time."

"There is no group children's home in Osceola County. There are families who graciously host children in their homes."

Next week: See how another local organization is working to bring awareness to being a foster family during the month of May.

SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Pace said she's heard concern from media specialists at the school level.

"Because of the charged nature of the situation, we didn't want to burden them with this request. They already have a high level of responsibility that sits on their shoulders," she said.

At last week's School Board meeting, Pace noted the review of those titles is to determine if the content violates local or state standards. She said she hopes have more to report at next week's Board meeting.

Last week, she also laid out how parents can choose the access their student can have to materials that are labeled with mature content — Unlimited access, access but not to that with mature content, or no access at all. An online form (www.OsceolaSchools/net/MediaCenterAccess) has been available for about three weeks; at the meeting, she said 28 families had filled out the form; 21 had chosen for unlimited access, and it will be included in next year's Back to School packet.

The topic started a conversation among School Board members about the district's process, managed by school-level media specialists, for books making it into libraries.

"There should be limitations on graphic materials," Board member Julius Melendez said. "I'd like to discuss that process, its standards, and what the Superintendent has authority to do."

Board member Jon Arguello wanted to take it a step further, tying reports he said he received of sexual acts and assaults taking place on campuses, calling it a version of art imitating life.

"The content is playing out in our schools, which is a dangerous situation," he said.

Pace said she had faith in those district guidelines, which may need to be refined after the Florida Legislature passed House Bill 1467, which further codified that process of approving books and materials. (<https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2022/1467/BillText/er/PDF>)

"We have them in place for a reason," she said. "And we are blessed with incredibly gifted media specialists in all of our schools across the district."

In January, 16 books were removed from Polk County school library shelves after outcry from a local group, which determined they were "inappropriate" and contained "obscene material."

NOTICE OF 15-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING

Osceola County HOME Consortia HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

The Osceola County HOME Consortia is seeking comments from the general public on the draft Substantial Amendment to their FY 2021 Annual Action plan to include the HOME Investment Partnerships Program / American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funding. Osceola County has been awarded a total \$3,478,510.00 in HOME-ARP funding to provide housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter, to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability. The funding must primarily benefit qualifying individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or in another eligible vulnerable population or sub-population identified by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Osceola County is proposing to use their portion of the HOME-ARP funding **(\$2,261,031.50)** on the following eligible activity categories: Development of Affordable Rental Housing and Administration and Planning. The City of Kissimmee is proposing to use their portion of the HOME-ARP funding **(\$1,217,478.50)** on the following eligible activity categories: Supportive Services, Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), Non-Profit Operating, and Administration and Planning.

A draft of the document containing all required sections is available online at <http://housing.osceola.org> or request by e-mail at cdbg@osceola.org. Please submit written comments prior to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 2, 2022 to: Citizen Comment, c/o Osceola County Housing & Community Services Department, 1392 E Vine Street, Kissimmee, FL 34744 or by e-mail to cdbg@osceola.org. The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing, in the Commission Chambers at 1 Courthouse Square, Kissimmee, FL 34741 on Monday, May 16, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, to obtain input and comments for the proposed activities. This is a handicapped accessible location. For further information about special accommodations for a disability, or any non-English speaking persons may contact the Human Services Department, 1-407-742-8598 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting. TDD users may call Florida TDD Relay Services at 1-800-955-8771.

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Consortios HOME del Condado de Osceola Plan de Asignación HOME-ARP

El consorcio HOME del Condado de Osceola está buscando comentarios del público en general sobre el borrador de la Enmienda Sustancial a su plan de Acción Anual para el año fiscal 2021 para incluir la financiación del Programa de Asociaciones de Inversión HOME / Ley del Plan de Rescate Estadounidense de 2021. El Condado de Osceola ha recibido un total de \$3,478,510.00 en fondos HOME-ARP para brindar vivienda, asistencia para el alquiler, servicios de apoyo y refugio no colectivo, para reducir la falta de vivienda y aumentar la estabilidad de la vivienda. La financiación debe beneficiar principalmente a las personas y familias calificadas que no tienen hogar, corren el riesgo de quedarse sin hogar o pertenecen a otra población o subpoblación vulnerable elegible identificada por el Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de EE.UU.

El Condado de Osceola propone usar su parte de los fondos de HOME-ARP **(\$2,261,031.50)** en las siguientes categorías de actividades elegibles: Desarrollo de Viviendas de Alquiler Asequibles y Administración y Planificación. La Ciudad de Kissimmee propone utilizar su parte de los fondos de HOME-ARP **(\$1,217,478.50)** en las siguientes categorías de actividades elegibles: Servicios de Apoyo, Asistencia de Alquiler Basada en Inquilinos (TBRA), Operación sin Fines de Lucro y Administración y Planificación.

Un borrador del documento que contiene todas las secciones requeridas está disponible en línea en <http://housing.osceola.org> o puede solicitarse por correo electrónico a cdbg@osceola.org. Envíe sus comentarios por escrito antes de las 5:00 p. m. el Lunes 2 de mayo de 2022 a: Citizen Comment, c/o Osceola County Housing & Community Services Department, 1392 E Vine Street, Kissimmee, FL 34744 o por correo electrónico a cdbg@osceola.org. La Junta de Comisionados del Condado llevará a cabo una Audiencia Pública, en las Cámaras de la Comisión en 1 Courthouse Square, Kissimmee, FL 34741 el Lunes 16 de mayo de 2022 a las 5:30 p. m., o tan pronto como sea posible, para obtener información y comentarios sobre las actividades propuestas. Este es un lugar accesible para discapacitados. Para obtener más información sobre adaptaciones especiales para una discapacidad, o cualquier persona que no hable inglés, puede comunicarse con el Departamento de Servicios Humanos al 1-407-742-8598 al menos 48 horas antes de la reunión. Los usuarios de TDD pueden llamar a Florida TDD Relay Services al 1-800-955-8771.

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Published on: Apr 18, 2022

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El consorcio HOME del Condado de Osceola está buscando comentarios en general sobre el borrador de la Enmienda Sustancial al Presupuesto para el año fiscal 2021 para incluir la financiación del Programa de Inversión HOME / Ley del Plan de Rescate Estadounidense. El Condado de Osceola ha recibido un total de \$3,478,510.00 en fondos para vivienda, asistencia para el alquiler, servicios de apoyo y programas para reducir la falta de vivienda y aumentar la estabilidad de la vivienda. Los fondos deben beneficiar principalmente a las personas y familias que actualmente no tienen hogar, corren el riesgo de quedarse sin hogar o pertenecen a una subpoblación vulnerable elegible identificada por el Departamento de Desarrollo Urbano de EE.UU.

El Condado de Osceola propone usar su parte de los fondos de HOME (**\$2,261,031.50**) en las siguientes categorías de actividades elegibles: Viviendas de Alquiler Asequibles y Administración y Planificación. Kissimmee propone utilizar su parte de los fondos de HOME en las siguientes categorías de actividades elegibles: Servicios de Alquiler Basada en Inquilinos (TBRA), Operación sin Fines de Lucro y Planificación.

Un borrador del documento que contiene todas las secciones está disponible en esta página, en línea en HOME Program Documents (<http://www.osceola.org/agencies-departments/housing-program/home-program-documents.shtml>) o puede solicitarlo escribiendo a cdbg@osceola.org. Envíe sus comentarios por escrito antes del 2 de mayo de 2022 a: Citizen Comment, c/o Osceola County Housing Services Department, 1392 E Vine Street, Kissimmee, FL 34741 o electrónicamente a cdbg@osceola.org. La Junta de Comisionados tendrá una Audiencia Pública, en las Cámaras de la Comisión de Planificación, Kissimmee, FL 34741 el Lunes 16 de mayo de 2022 a las 10:00 AM, como sea posible, para obtener información y comentarios sobre las propuestas. Este es un lugar accesible para discapacitados. Para más información sobre adaptaciones especiales para una discapacidad, una persona que no hable inglés, puede comunicarse con el Departamento de Servicios Humanos al 1-407-742-8598 al menos 48 horas antes de la audiencia. Las personas con TDD pueden llamar a Florida TDD Relay Services al 1-800-955-8771.

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SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED
15 DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING
OSCEOLA COUNTY HOME CONSORTIA HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN

There were no public comments received during the 15-Day Public Comment Period which took place April 18, 2022 – May 2, 2022. There were no public comments received during the final Public Hearing held at the regularly scheduled Osceola County Board of County Commissioners meeting on May 16, 2022.