



FACT SHEET:

One Year Anniversary of the American Rescue Plan

On March 11, 2021, President Joe Biden signed the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan (ARP) into law. The package, developed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, is one of the most extensive economic rescue plans in U.S. history.

The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated the nation's already severe housing affordability crisis and added to the challenges faced by people experiencing homelessness and the providers that serve them. As a result, the Biden-Harris Administration made delivering housing relief a priority through the American Rescue Plan.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has played a central role in delivering that relief, quickly providing resources to lift up families, through localities, states, Tribes, and more, and partnering with other federal agencies to address urgent COVID-19-related needs.

Below are some of the housing provisions delivered by HUD with ARP funding.

Prevented Evictions and Foreclosures: HUD helped prevent evictions throughout the pandemic by playing a critical role in deploying a historic level of federal funding. HUD protected HUD-assisted households by ensuring public housing agencies and property owners had access to resources provided under the Consolidated Appropriations Act and ARP to help keep families stably housed. HUD also extended the eviction notice requirements to 30 days for public housing agencies and owners of Project Based Rental Assistance properties and required HUD-subsidized tenants facing eviction to be provided with information regarding available funds to help pay rent. HUD awarded \$20 million in grants to legal service providers to provide tenants with legal assistance to help prevent or mitigate evictions. HUD worked closely with the White House and the Treasury Department, providing the Department's expertise to inform Treasury's Emergency Rental Assistance Program policy guidance and lift best practices. HUD helped homeowners behind on their mortgages stay in their homes by extending mortgage forbearance. As borrowers leave forbearance, HUD worked with Treasury to integrate the Homeowner Assistance Fund with new policies released by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) to help struggling homeowners keep their homes. As a result of HUD and other federal government actions and supports, evictions and foreclosures were well below historical averages.

Quickly Rehoused People Experiencing Homelessness: HUD quickly awarded nearly 70,000 Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs), made available through ARP, to local Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) across the country. In early March 2022, the EHV program reached a milestone of more than 39,000 total EHV issuances. Of these issuances, more than 25,000 individuals across the country are actively looking for

an EHV unit, and more than 13,000 households are housed. EHV's assist individuals and families who are homeless, at-risk of homelessness, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, formerly incarcerated, recently homeless, or have a high risk of housing instability. HUD requires PHAs to partner with local Continuums of Care to ensure eligible households are referred to this voucher program.

Stood Up a New \$5 Billion Program to Expand the Supply of Housing and Services to Address

Homelessness: HUD made \$5 billion in ARP funding available through the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME-ARP) to 651 state and local governments to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability by providing financing for rental housing development, acquisition, and development of non-congregate shelter, tenant-based rental assistance, and supportive services. In addition, HUD released a portion of grantee administrative funds at the outset of the program to better support the planning activities that lead to effective use of grant funding.

Launched All-Hands-on-Deck Effort to Address Homelessness Crisis: On September 20, 2021, HUD Secretary Marcia L. Fudge launched House America, a national partnership with other Administration officials, mayors, county officials, governors, and tribal nation leaders across the nation. The plan works with those leaders to use ARP resources from HUD and other federal agencies – including the abovementioned EHV's and HOME-ARP funds – to rehouse at least 100,000 people experiencing homelessness and add at least 20,000 new affordable and permanent supportive housing units to address homelessness into the development pipeline by the end of 2022.

Delivered Housing Assistance and Supportive Services to Tribes and Native Communities: HUD has awarded nearly \$280 million in Indian Community Development Block Grants (ICDBG-ARP) grants across 240 Tribes to deliver equitable COVID-19 relief, expanding access to safe housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities, particularly for low- and moderate-income individuals and families. HUD made a historic \$450 million investment in Indian Housing Block Grants (IHBG-ARP) to Indian tribes across the country to respond to COVID-19. The Department also invested \$5 million in COVID-19 relief for Native Hawaiians.

Fought Housing Discrimination Related to COVID-19: HUD has awarded more than \$16 million in ARP funding to help 62 HUD Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP) agencies combat housing discrimination related to the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds focus directly on the unequal impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on communities of color, low-income communities, and other vulnerable populations. The HUD funding allows FHIP agencies to provide resources and support to victims of housing discrimination who have been hit the hardest during the COVID-19 pandemic. FHIP agencies will use the funding to conduct housing education and outreach activities and to address fair housing inquiries, complaints, and investigations.

Improved Access to Affordable, Accessible Housing and Supportive Services: HUD and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) launched and subsequently expanded a partnership to improve access to affordable, accessible housing and the critical services that make community living possible. HUD and HHS launched a national Housing and Services Resource Center (HSRC) as the hub of this coordinated federal effort, providing a one-stop shop for technical assistance resources to help states and communities coordinate housing and services for older adults and people with disabilities, including those experiencing homelessness. The Housing and Services Resource Center aims to facilitate

state and local partnerships between housing and service systems and assist communities in leveraging new housing and service resources available through ARP.

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