



Action Alert - Advocacy for Municipal use of HOME Funds

Details:

- Who to connect with: [Participating Jurisdiction Contact List](#) or [Your Municipal Leadership](#)
- When to connect with them: **ASAP***

Beyond our advocacy efforts to encourage DOH to prioritize individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness in their submitted plan for the proposed use of HOME ARPA funds, it is important to build relationships with your local/municipal leaders as well. HOME funds are also allocated out by HUD to municipal jurisdictions – the participating jurisdictions in CT are Bridgeport, Hartford, New Britain, New Haven, Stamford and Waterbury.

This is a huge opportunity to ensure that your jurisdiction’s allocation plan includes supportive housing, and also a review of people with a high risk of homelessness in other institutional and crisis systems.

Please use the website: <https://portal.ct.gov/Government/Cities-and-Towns> to find your mayor/town planner/local PHA to encourage your elected leader(s) to consider how their available funds could be leveraged either for the development of housing options or for tenant-based vouchers for those experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

Suggestions for those with professional experience: Describe your role and why you think your community should be planning to invest funds in affordable housing development or tenant-based vouchers.

Suggestions for those with lived experience: Describe your experience and how having these resources in your community would have made a difference in your experience. What was it like to get by without additional community support?

To spend HOME-ARP funding, **all participating jurisdictions are required to:**

1. **determine needs and gaps** – which should include an analysis of racial and other disparities in need;
2. **consult with Continuums of Care Public Housing Authorities and Veteran Serving Organizations** – review needs, priorities and potential resources to leverage;
3. **develop an allocation plan** – a new allocation plan specific to HOME-ARP that states how the fund will be spent by each activity type including supportive housing and the populations served; and
4. **post for a minimum 15-day public comment period.**

**Local Fiscal Recovery Fund recipients may use the funds to cover eligible costs incurred between March 3, 2021 and December 31, 2024, provided that the obligations incurred are expended by December 31, 2026. Any unused funds must be returned to U.S. Treasury. The timeframe to incur and expend funds allows local governments time to plan for their use of the funds.*

Please contact info@cceh.org with any questions.