

HOME-ARP Program Fact Sheet: Supportive Services

Overview:

A PJ may use HOME-ARP funds to provide a broad range of supportive services to individuals and families that meet one of the qualifying populations as defined in *CPD Notice: Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program* (“the Notice”). Supportive services may be provided to individuals and families who are not already receiving the services outlined in the Notice through another program. PJs may establish a separate supportive services activity or activities or may combine supportive services with other HOME-ARP activities.

Eligible Services and Costs:

Eligible Supportive Services: There are three categories specifically included as supportive services under HOME-ARP:

- McKinney-Vento Supportive Services: McKinney-Vento Supportive Services under HOME-ARP are adapted from the services listed in section 401(29) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (“**McKinney-Vento Supportive Services**”) ([42 U.S.C. 11360\(29\)](#)).
- Homelessness Prevention Services: HOME-ARP Homelessness Prevention Services are adapted from certain eligible homelessness prevention services under the Emergency Services Grant (ESG) regulations at [24 CFR Part 576](#).
- Housing Counseling Services: Housing counseling services under HOME-ARP are those consistent with the definition of housing counseling and housing counseling services defined at [24 CFR 5.100](#) and [5.111](#), respectively, except that homeowner assistance and related services are not eligible HOME-ARP activities.

Eligible Costs of Supportive Services for Qualifying Individuals and Families: HOME-ARP funds may be used to pay eligible costs associated with the HOME-ARP supportive services activity in accordance with the requirements of the Notice.

Eligible Costs Associated with McKinney-Vento and Homelessness Prevention Supportive Services:

- All qualifying households are eligible to receive supportive services under the HOME-ARP supportive services activity. Eligible costs associated with McKinney-Vento supportive services and homelessness prevention supportive services include:
 - Costs of child care;
 - Costs of improving knowledge and basic educational skills;

- o Costs of establishing and/or operating employment assistance and job training programs
- o Costs of providing meals or groceries
- o Costs of assisting eligible program participants to locate, obtain and retain housing
- o Costs of certain legal services
- o Costs of teaching critical life management skills
- o Financial assistance costs, including:
 - Rental application fees
 - Security deposits
 - Utility deposits
 - Payment of rental arrears

****Please consult the Notice for a full list and description of eligible costs.**

- The costs of homelessness prevention services are only eligible to the extent that the assistance is necessary to help program participants regain stability in their current permanent housing or move into other permanent housing to achieve stability in that housing.
- PJs must establish requirements documenting an eligible cost as McKinney-Vento supportive services to an individual or family in a qualifying population, homelessness prevention services, or Housing Counseling.

Eligible Costs Associated with Housing Counseling: Costs associated with housing counseling services as defined at [24 CFR 5.100](#) and [5.111](#) are eligible. Costs may only be paid under HOME-ARP if housing counseling services are provided by HUD-certified housing counselors and organizations.

- Eligible costs include:
 - o Staff salaries and overhead costs of HUD-certified housing counseling agencies related to directly providing eligible housing counseling services to HOME- program participants
 - o Development of a housing counseling workplan
 - o Marketing and outreach
 - o Intake
 - o Financial and housing affordability analysis
 - o Action plans that outline what the housing counseling agency and the client will do to meet the client's housing goals and that address the client's housing problem(s)
 - o Follow-up communication with program participants
- Costs for the provision of services to existing homeowners related to homeownership and mortgages to existing homeowners are not eligible under HOME-ARP.
- If a program participant is a candidate for homeownership, costs associated with pre-purchase homebuying counseling, education and outreach are eligible under HOME-ARP.

Oversight and Management: A PJ is responsible for the day-to-day management and oversight of its HOME-ARP program including but not limited to the following:

- *Oversight of Eligible Costs*: All supportive service costs paid for by HOME-ARP must comply with the requirements of the Notice and Uniform Administrative Requirements at [2 CFR part 200](#), subpart E, Cost Principles that require costs be necessary and reasonable.
- *No Duplication of Services*: PJs are responsible for establishing requirements that allow a program participant to receive only the HOME-ARP services needed so there is no duplication of services or assistance in the use of HOME-ARP funds for supportive services.
- *Termination of Assistance*: The PJ may terminate assistance to a program participant who violates program requirements or conditions of occupancy.