HOME-ARP PROGRAM

FY27 NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

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INTRODUCTION

The City of Boise was allocated federal funds appropriated under section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2) ("ARP") for the Home Investment Partnerships Program ("HOME") to provide supportive services in accordance with the City's HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and HOME-ARP Policies and Procedures. This Notice of Funding Opportunity ("NOFO") outlines the requirements and the application process for the City of Boise's HOME-ARP funds for organizations that provide supportive services to a Qualifying Population as described in the City of Boise's HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. The availability and use of these funds are subject to HOME-ARP regulations, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (2 CFR Part 200), and applicable guidance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), including Notice CPD 21-10 and 24 CFR part 92 as made applicable by the Notice.

The City of Boise is requesting applications from organizations (Applicants) to provide supportive services assisting chronically homeless households via a modified Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) model. Applications must be submitted online via https://www.gotomygrants.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/d92a5c89-d962-495d-8aeb-0106761fa240.

Applicants awarded funds from this NOFO will receive a subrecipient agreement from the City of Boise's HOME-ARP allocation for Project or Program activities beginning October 1, 2026. Subrecipient agreements will be for a twelve-month grant period.

FY27 TIMELINE

This NOFO will provide funding for supportive services from October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027.

- **NOFO Application:** Applications will be accepted August 26, 2026, through September 18, 2026.
- **Funding Decision:** Applicants will be notified by September 25, 2026.
- **Subrecipient Agreement:** Subrecipient agreements will be executed on or before October 13, 2026.

CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC) ANNUAL GUIDANCE

The City of Boise consulted with the local CoC, Our Path Home (OPH), as indicated in the approved HOME-ARP plan to seek advice upon preferences within the HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations. OPH advised the FY27 NOFO prioritize extremely low-income individuals/households (earning less than 30 percent area median income) who face multiple barriers to housing stability, including substance use disorders, and would benefit from access to supportive services that meet supportive housing quality standards linked to PSH.

PROJECT OR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

CLIENT ELIGIBILITY: QUALIFYING POPULATIONS

Supportive services through the Project or Program must be provided to clients that meet the definition of a Qualifying Population (QP) as described in the City of Boise's HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and related regulations. The City of Boise has a HUD-approved preference to prioritize intensive, wrap-around supportive services in a modified ACT

model for households experiencing chronic homelessness upon Project or Program entry and who now reside in permanent supporting housing units. Implementation of the City of Boise's preference and all other eligible QP will, in all instances, be administered through OPH's Coordinated Entry System (CES) queue for selecting clients in chronological order based on the date they reach the top of the queue. In all instances, documentation of the status of homelessness will be implemented based on the standard practices for CES administration and PSH eligibility requirements.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Supportive Services under HOME-ARP are those services listed in section 401(29)[1] of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act ("McKinney-Vento Supportive Services") (42 U.S.C. 11360(29)). All services must be provided in accordance with the policies established in the City of Boise's HOME-ARP Policies and Procedures.

ACT Model

For the purposes of HOME-ARP activity delivery, an ACT model shall be made up of a multidisciplinary team – including a peer specialist with lived experience – who provide the treatment, rehabilitation, and supportive services needed to help clients reach their goals. ACT services will offer a client-centered, recovery-oriented mental health service delivery model that facilitates community living, psychosocial rehabilitation and recovery for persons who have the most severe and persistent mental illnesses, have severe symptoms and impairments, and have not benefitted from traditional outpatient programs.

Engagement in all supportive services is voluntary and driven by individual choice and participation is not a condition of tenancy. A modified ACT model recognizes that individuals may initially refuse assistance or services and, therefore, Project or Program staff must assertively and creatively engage clients, including engaging clients' multiple times and in multiple settings, to maximize participation in services. The delivery of all services will be guided by the principles of cultural competence, trauma-informed care, recovery, and resiliency with an emphasis on building client strengths and resources in the community, with family, and with their peer/social network. The Project or Program will offer and provide clients with a variety of services as deemed clinically appropriate based on assessed needs and HOME-ARP eligibility.

Supportive services provided will be designed to help clients (i) address barriers to housing stability, (ii) manage mental illness and other disabling conditions, (iii) reduce interaction with the criminal justice system (number of jail days), and (iv) improve health outcomes. At the outset of each client's engagement with supportive services, staff will work collaboratively with the client to develop a Treatment Plan. The supportive services offered will include, as appropriate for and desired by each client: intensive case management, crisis intervention, substance use counseling, mental health treatment, peer support, skills building, connection to primary care, and various other HOME-ARP eligible services identified as necessary in each client's Treatment Plan.

[1] The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (P.L. 116-260) enacted changes that renumbered section 401(27) to (29) of McKinney-Vento.

Staffing Standards

Staff schedules and experience and team composition should be implemented using current best practice models for supportive services in permanent housing:

- In site-based settings, clinical ACT team staff must be on site weekdays during dedicated hours and non-clinical residential support staff must be on site overnight and on weekends.
- Staff should have relevant education and experience to provide the supportive services described in this NOFO.
- Staff should be community-based and multi-disciplinary when possible. Clients may receive services from any team member depending on their preferences and needs.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The City of Boise expects Projects or Programs funded through HOME-ARP will achieve the following key outcomes:

- Increased housing stability
- Decreased interactions with the criminal justice system
- Decreased interactions with the emergency medical system, including hospitalization
- Increased positive health outcomes

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

SUPPORTIVE SERVICE PLAN

All Applicants must provide a supportive services plan that will support the achievement of key outcomes identified in this NOFO. The plan should include at minimum:

- Expected number of housing units associated and clients connected with the Project or Program.
- All supportive services offered, including what is provided by on-site staff and community referrals.
- All ACT team staff positions, including a peer specialist. Include a summary of each staff team member's qualifications and responsibilities within the Project or Program.

CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC) COLLABORATION

Awarded Applicants must collaborate on the Project or Program with the local CoC in the following ways:

- Partner with Our Path Home and receive and accept referrals from the CoC's Coordinated Entry System for Project or Program entry.
- Use CoC's Homeless Management Information System and complete data entry for all clients participating in the Project or Program.

QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORTS

Awarded Applicants must report outcomes quarterly, to include at minimum:

- Total number of households and unique clients served, including number of new households, veteran households, and Hispanic households
- Client demographics (race, ethnicity, household size, household type, veteran status, & marital status)
- Housing Stability (housing retention rates including total months housed)
- Project or Program Exits

- Negative Exits: returns to homelessness, incarceration and/or hospitalization
- Positive Exits: transitions to another permanent situation

BUDGET INCLUDES MEDICAID

Awarded Applicants must include Medicaid reimbursement as one source within their budget to account for supportive services funding. The organization is solely responsible for submitting the information necessary to procure Medicaid payments required to fund supportive services and for administering the funds received through Medicaid.

MONTHLY REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTS

Awarded Applicants must submit monthly requests for reimbursement. Reimbursement requests must include supporting documentation (i.e., time sheets) for all salary-related costs and invoices/receipts for any project delivery and/or administrative costs incurred. Salary-related reimbursement requests must reflect actual staff time spent providing services to HOME-ARP eligible clients.

COMPLIANCE MONITORING

Awarded Applicants must participate in and accommodate on-site, remote and/or desk monitoring, and commit to presenting evidence during monitoring of various Project or Program requirements, including but not limited to:

- Financial policies and procedures
- Language Access Plan
- Vital documents translated in other languages
- Recent financial audit with no findings and consistent with GAAP
- Separation of duties for accounting
- Cost eligibility (allocable, allowable, and reasonable as defined by 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E)
- No duplication of services

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Awarded Applicants must warrant that no person who presently exercises any functions or responsibilities in connection with the City of Boise HOME-ARP program has any personal financial interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of its services hereunder. Awarded Applicants further warrant that in the performance of the HOME-ARP subrecipient agreement, no person having any conflict of interest shall be employed. Any interest on the part of awarded Applicants or its employees must be disclosed to the City provided, however, that this paragraph shall be interpreted in such a manner so as not to unreasonably impede the statutory requirements that maximum opportunity be provided for employment of and participation by low and moderate-income residents of the area. Awarded Applicants warrant that they have reviewed and are familiar with the conflict-of-interest requirements of 2 CFR 200.318(c) that is applicable to all activities funded with a HOME-ARP subrecipient agreement.

APPLICATION CRITERIA AND SCORING

CRITERIA

Points will be designated for each factor of consideration below with a maximum score of 45 points.

Criteria	Points	Points Earned
Housing-Focused Best Practices and Housing First experience	• Applicant is very experienced – 10 pts • Applicant is somewhat experienced – 5 pts • Applicant is not experienced – 0 pts	/10
Supportive Services Plan	• Supportive Services Plan meets all criteria – 10 pts • Supportive Services Plan meets some criteria – 5 pts • Supportive Services Plan doesn't meet criteria – 0 pts	/10
Outcomes	• Plan to achieve outcomes clearly described – 10 pts • Plan to achieve outcomes somewhat described – 5 pts • Plan to achieve outcomes not clearly described – 0 pts	/10
Financial & Budget	• Complete budget – 10 pts • Incomplete budget – 0 pts	/10
Required Documents	• Required documents provided – 5 pts • Required documents not provided– 0 pts	/5
	TOTAL POINTS	**/45**

AWARD SELECTION; LIMITATIONS ON CITY COMMITTMENT

Neither this Invitation to Apply nor the acceptance of any application shall imply a funding commitment or obligation to any Applicant or Project or Program. The City reserves the sole right to approve or reject any and all applications on such basis as it deems to be in the best interest of the City. The City is responsible for the administration of HOME-ARP funds under federal regulations and HUD requirements. It is the intent that this Invitation to Apply be issued and proposals evaluated in compliance with said regulations and requirements. Should the regulations and requirements change at any time, the City reserves the right to alter its HOME-ARP subrecipient agreement to ensure compliance. The City, its elected officials, employees, and agents shall not be held responsible or liable for any losses incurred from claims, suits, damages, costs, and expenses of any kind or of any nature that any Applicant may suffer, incur, or pay arising out of decisions by the City concerning any proposal, application(s), decision(s), or action(s) associated with the administration of HOME-ARP subrecipient agreements.

GOOD STANDING

No application will be considered for any Applicant or related entity which is not in good standing with the City of Boise, State of Idaho (including Idaho Housing and Finance Association), or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. An Applicant can be denied consideration for funding if the Applicant or its related parties have a history of default or non-performance under any agreement, payment delinquencies, bankruptcy, foreclosure, debarments, or activities determined to be unsound or unlawful.