



Notice of Public Hearing 2021 Annual Action Plan & HOME-ARP Allocation Plan

The City of Wichita Falls will conduct a Public Hearing to solicit comments on housing and community needs to develop the City of Wichita Falls (City) 2021 Action Plan Amendment and HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan. The forum will be held on Thursday July 14, 2022 at 3:00 PM in the 3rd Floor Conference Room located in Room 301-A of Memorial Auditorium, 1300 7th Street, Wichita Falls, TX. This opportunity is for public comment to solicit citizen opinion on community development and housing needs related to the Program Year (PY) 2021 Annual Action Plan Amendment and HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan. The PY 2021 Annual Action Plan of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan is a document that outlines a unified and strategic vision for providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, expanded economic opportunities for primarily low to moderate income persons, and that serves as a basis for annual funding allocations.

The City expects to receive a full disbursement from HUD a special allocation in the amount of \$1,572,080 in HOME-ARP funding, as authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act, Public Law 117-2. HOME and HOME-ARP Program funds are entitlement amounts to the City of Wichita Falls from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). Program Year 2021 ends September 30, 2022, but this program allocation is expected to be carried out during Program Year 2022-23 starting October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023. This Public Forum seeks input and participation from the local community with particular emphasis on serving persons of low and moderate incomes. Interested parties are encouraged to attend and provide comment on housing and community development needs during the Public Forum. Public comments are welcome.

The City Council Subcommittee on Outside Agencies met with organizations seeking to request funds for the upcoming fiscal year on May 26, 2022. From those meetings, the subcommittee developed the following funding proposals to present to the public and to the full City Council.

HOME-ARP Program

City Projects: Grant Program Planning and Administration \$157,208.

Subrecipient Non-Congregate Shelter Project: First Step Emergency Shelter Rehabilitation \$700,000; Unreserved for future program \$714,872.

Another opportunity for public comment is scheduled for July 19, 2022 8:30 AM to be held before the City Council of Wichita Falls, Texas in the Council Chambers at Memorial Auditorium, 1300 7th Street, Wichita Falls, TX. Memorial Auditorium is handicapped accessible from the building's front entrance on Seventh Street. Other persons with special needs requiring accommodations should contact the Neighborhood Resources Division at 761-7448 at least 72 hours before the meeting.

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CERTIFICATION

I certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin board at Memorial Auditorium, Wichita Falls, Texas on the _____ day of _____, 2022 at _____ o'clock [a.m.] [p.m.].

City Clerk