



CITY OF FORT WORTH
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)

FOR

**HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP)
Directions Home
Fort Worth Housing Finance Corporation (FWHFC)**

March 6, 2022

The City of Fort Worth Neighborhood Services Department is providing interested affordable housing developers and non-profit organizations with this Notice of Funding Availability regarding local and federal grant funds from the HOME-ARP Program, Directions Home, and Fort Worth Housing Finance Corporation. This funding is made available for the development of permanent supportive housing.

The City will award up to \$12,769,277 in local and federal funds under this NOFA, including the following:

• Directions Home Capital	\$ 1,262,801
• Fort Worth Housing Finance Corporation	\$ 2,550,000*
• HOME-ARP	\$ 8,956,476
TOTAL CITY AND FWHFC FUNDING:	\$ 12,769,277
Required Matching Foundation Funds	\$ 2,550,000
TOTAL PROJECT FUNDING:	\$ 15,319,277

***All FWHFC funds require a \$1 for \$1 match with a foundation. Proposers are required to submit a conditional commitment letter from the foundation providing match funding.**

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 provides \$5 billion for housing to assist the homeless through the HOME Investment Partnerships Program. The City of Fort Worth received \$10,537,030 in HOME-ARP. These funds can be used to serve: those experiencing homelessness, those at risk of experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations. Eligible activities are housing, rental assistance, supportive services and non-congregate shelter.

The City consulted with many different stakeholders as required in developing an allocation plan. Groups consulted included: the Continuum of Care, homeless and domestic violence service providers, veterans' groups, public housing agencies, public agencies that address needs of qualifying populations and organizations that address fair housing, civil rights and the needs of persons with disabilities as well as the general public. The City also evaluated data reports and sent letters seeking input on the plan.

Consensus emerged that the biggest need in the City currently is physical units for the chronically homeless. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines chronic homelessness as an unaccompanied homeless individual with a disabling condition who has been homeless for a year or more. In an effort to address this longtime City priority of ending chronic homelessness, funding has been allocated solely for the development of up to 125 PSH units.

Applicants interested in submitting a proposal are **required** to attend one of two pre-proposal conferences held at the City Hall Annex Building, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 908 Monroe Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102 on:

- March 23, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.;
- March 23, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

All application materials must be submitted through Neighborly Software, an online application software. Application procedures will be explained in detail at the pre-proposal conferences. Proposals will not be considered for funding if the applicant does not attend one of the **mandatory** pre-proposal conferences.

Complete NOFA instructions will be available on March 7, 2022, on the City of Fort Worth website at <http://fortworthtexas.gov/departments/neighborhoods/services/grants/>, or by contacting Sharon Burkley at 817-392-5785, Sharon.Burkley@fortworthtexas.gov. **The City of Fort Worth reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.**

For questions regarding this NOFA, please contact Chad LaRoque, Housing Development and Grants Manager at (817) 392-2661, Chad.LaRoque@fortworthtexas.gov or Sharon Burkley, Senior Planner, at (817) 392-5785, Sharon.Burkley@fortworthtexas.gov