



City of Yakima

# **News Release**

**Subject: City Seeks Comment on Housing Fund Allocation Plan**  
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## **City Seeks Comment on Housing Fund Allocation Plan**

The City of Yakima was awarded \$1,822,807 in Home Investment Partnership Program-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funds in a one-time allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

In response, the City has developed a draft allocation plan as required by HUD in order to receive HOME-ARP funds. The grant is available to provide services or housing to reduce homelessness or provide housing stability for individuals or households experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, victims of domestic violence and other vulnerable populations.

This [Draft Allocation Plan](#) is now available for public review and comment.

“At this time, the City of Yakima is inclined to prioritize projects which develop new affordable housing for homeless individuals or households, or those at risk of being homeless,” said Community Development Director Joan Davenport. “Additional consideration would be given to a managed project that matches services to individuals and households with residents that are 30 percent or less of the Average Median Income (AMI), or have a disability and/or include veterans, as well as projects that create 60 or more housing units available to households at 50 percent or less of the AMI.”

Written comments may be submitted to Joan Davenport, Community Development Director, 129 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Yakima WA 98901 or by email to [ask.planning@yakimawa.gov](mailto:ask.planning@yakimawa.gov).

Written comments regarding the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan must be submitted no later than **4:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, 2023**. Hard copies of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan are available at the City Clerk’s Office at Yakima City Hall, 129 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.