



National Council of  
State Housing Agencies

## **Homeless Assistance and Supportive Services Program Under HOME**

*The following summary is of the Homeless Assistance and Supportive Services program included in the American Rescue Plan Act.*

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Funding and Grantees:	\$5 billion, of which up to \$25 million is for technical assistance providers; up to \$50 million is for HUD's administrative costs for implementing this program and HOME generally, including for information technology and financial reporting. The remainder is provided in grants to HOME participating jurisdictions that received HOME funding in 2021.
Distribution Formula:	The HOME program formula
Federal Administration:	HUD
Eligible Recipients:	To qualify for assistance, individuals must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Homeless<sup>1</sup>;</li><li>• At-risk of homelessness<sup>2</sup>;</li><li>• Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking</li><li>• Individuals for whom provision of supportive services or assistance herein would prevent homelessness or who are at the greatest risk of housing instability; or</li><li>• Veterans and their families that meet any of the preceding criteria.</li></ul>
Eligible Activities:	Funds may be used for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tenant-based rental assistance;</li><li>• Development and support of affordable housing, as currently permitted under the HOME Program<sup>3</sup>;</li></ul>

<sup>1</sup> As defined in section 103(a) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

<sup>2</sup> As defined in section 401(1) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act: at or below 30 percent AMI and meets additional criteria

<sup>3</sup> As defined in section 212(a) of the Cranston Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act: tenant-based rental assistance, the development and support of affordable rental housing and homeownership affordability through the acquisition, new construction, reconstruction, or moderate or substantial rehabilitation of affordable housing

- Supportive services, including activities such as transitional housing<sup>4</sup>, housing counseling, and homeless prevention services;
- Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units, which may be converted to permanent affordable housing, used as emergency shelter<sup>5</sup>, or remain as non-congregate shelter units;
- Up to 15 percent for administration;
- Up to 10 percent for CHDO and nonprofit operating expenses if funds are used to develop the capacity of CHDOs or nonprofits.

Use of Funds Timeframe: HUD must allocate funds within 30 days of enactment. Funds are available until September 30, 2025, with the exception that the \$50 million reserved for HUD administrative costs to oversee implementation of the program and HOME funds generally, including for information technology and financial reporting are available until September 30, 2029.

Waivers: HUD may waive any provision of statute or regulation except for requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and environment. HOME cost limits, matching requirements, and CHDO set-aside requirements do not apply.

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including real property acquisition, site improvement, conversion, demolition, and other expenses, including financing costs, relocation expenses of any displaced persons, families, businesses, or organizations, to provide for the payment of reasonable administrative and planning costs, to provide for the payment of operating expenses of community housing development organizations, and to provide tenant-based rental assistance.

<sup>4</sup> As defined in section 401(29) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act: The term 'transitional housing' means housing the purpose of which is to facilitate the movement of individuals and families experiencing homelessness to permanent housing within 24 months or such longer period as the Secretary determines necessary

<sup>5</sup> As defined under subtitle B of title IV of McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act: Emergency Solutions Grants Program