

## CITY OF WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Substantial Amendment to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021/2022 Annual Action Plan City of Woonsocket HOME Investment Partnerships-American Rescue Plan Program

Public Hearing: February 8th, 2023, 3:00 p.m. Public Comment Period: February 4, 2023 – February 20, 2023

In accordance with the federal regulations, 24 CFR, Part 91, Public Notice is hereby given to residents of the City of Woonsocket that a draft version of the HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan will be available for review and a 21-day public comment period. During the public comment period one Public Hearing will be held.

The City of Woonsocket was awarded \$1,634,946 in HOME-ARP funds in a one-time allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is required by HUD for the City to receive and expend federal HOME-ARP grant funds. The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is a strategic plan detailing the allocation of funding to assist individuals and/or households who are experiencing homelessness, or at risk of homelessness, and/or are other vulnerable populations as described in the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. Funds can be used to provide affordable housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter, to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability. The Allocation Plan defines the use of federal HOME-ARP grant funds to address these needs.

The City is encouraging public comment during this review process. To facilitate this, a public hearing will be held.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Wednesday, February 8th, 2023, 3:00 p.m.

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The public hearing will be used to discuss the allocation of HOME-ARP funds to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability in the City. For more information, phone (401) 767-9232.

**16-Day Comment Period**: Citizens will have the opportunity to review the City of Woonsocket HOME-ARP Allocation Plan beginning on February 4th, 2023 at <a href="https://www.woonsocketri.org/planning-development">https://www.woonsocketri.org/planning-development</a> or request a copy from the Department of Planning & Development. Public comments regarding the City of Woonsocket HOME-ARP Allocation Plan can be submitted via email to

<u>amcdermott@woonsocketri.org</u> or mailed to the Department of Planning & Development, HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, 169 Main Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895 faxed to (401) 766-9312. A summary of all public comments will be included in the substantial amendment to the Action Plan to be submitted to HUD on or before February 26, 2023.

**Disability Assistance**: The City of Woonsocket will make efforts to provide reasonable accommodations to disabled members of the public in accessing City programs. Please contact Alyssa McDermott, Federal Administrator of Programs & Grants, City of Woonsocket, P.O. Box B, 169 Main Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895, 401-767-9232, <a href="mailto:amcdermott@woonsocketri.org">amcdermott@woonsocketri.org</a> at least 48 hours in advance if you have special needs.

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