

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	25-378	Meeting:	October 20, 2025
	Agenda Item:	30	Roll Call:	25-1409
	Submitted by:	Chris Johansen, Neighborhood Services Department Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Preliminary Award of Home Investment Partnership Program funding, as authorized under the American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP), from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to Anawim Housing for Nonprofit Operating Assistance.

SYNOPSIS:

Anawim Housing plans to use HOME-ARP funding to support nonprofit operating assistance associated with the organization's efforts to serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$175,000

Funding Source: HOME Investment Partnerships Program funding, as authorized under the American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP), from the HUD

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- HOME-ARP is a one (1)-time HUD funding source allocated to participating jurisdictions, such as the City of Des Moines, who also receive a HOME Program annual allocation. HOME-ARP closely follows the model of the existing HOME program, with slight differences in program administration due to the targeted populations and activities.
- On December 9, 2024, City Council approved a substantial amendment to the City of Des Moines HOME-ARP Allocation Plan to allow the City to quickly expend the funding for supportive services, non-profit operations, or capacity building.
- Under HOME-ARP, funds used for nonprofit operating assistance must support the organization's general operating costs. Eligible operating costs include the day-to-day expenses necessary to maintain the nonprofit's administrative functions, such as staff salaries for organizational management, rent, utilities, insurance, and office expenses.

- Anawim Housing also used HOME-ARP funds for the rehabilitation of 4845 Merle Hay Road, the former site of a Days Inn Hotel. The project contains 40 units, of which five (5) units will be designated as City-funded HOME-ARP units.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: December 9, 2024

Roll Call Number: [24-1666](#)

Action: [On](#) approval of HUD substantial amendment to HOME-ARP. ([Council Communication No. 24-503](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Mandelbaum. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: June 12, 2023

Roll Call Number: [23-0833](#)

Action: [HOME](#) Investment Partnerships Program funding, as authorized under the American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Agreement with Anawim Housing for \$1,000,000 for the rehabilitation of Monarch Apartments at 4845 Merle Hay Road. ([Council Communication No. 23-291](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Mandelbaum. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Sheumaker.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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