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**Date** December 9, 2024

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM, AS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT, (HOME-ARP) ALLOCATION PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was signed as Public Law 117-2, which provides emergency grants, lending, and investment to areas affected by the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 28, 2021, HUD notified the City of Des Moines that it would receive a HOME-ARP allocation of \$3,556,317.00; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 18, 2021 by Roll Call No. 21-1563, Council approved the HOME-ARP grant agreement with HUD; and

**WHEREAS**, HOME-ARP funds must be used for individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness; are at risk of homelessness; are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; are a part of other populations where aid would prevent homelessness; and veterans and families that include a veteran family member who meet one of the previous criteria; and

**WHEREAS**, provisions under HUD's Community Planning and Development (CPD) Notice 21-10 and subsequent Waivers and Alternative Requirements for Implementation of the HOME-ARP Program for use of funds in the HOME-ARP Program require the City to submit a substantial amendment to the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan to include preferences for the first Qualifying Population (Homeless) that includes three subgroup definitions of individuals experiencing literal homelessness, are at imminent risk of homelessness, or are unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age or families and youth for eligible activities or projects and to amend the funding allocation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council must conduct a public hearing to review the Substantial Amendment to the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and receive citizen comments regarding the amended plan prior to submission, and provide notice of the hearing to be published with reasonable notice before it is held; and

**WHEREAS**, a copy of the proposed Substantial Amendment to the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan for the HOME-ARP program shall be made available for public review on the City's website, dsm.city, under the Consolidated Planning web page and at all Des Moines Public Library locations in order to provide citizens with the opportunity to participate in the hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, the City plans to use 15 percent, or \$533,447.55, of the allocation for administrative and planning costs and no more than 85 percent, or \$3,022,869.45, for four eligible activities that must primarily benefit qualifying individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age or families and youth; and



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**WHEREAS**, the priority for HOME-ARP funds is for the production or preservation of affordable housing or the purchase or development of non-congregate shelter for individuals and families experiencing homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, HOME-ARP funds can be used for other eligible activities including supportive service—such as homeless prevention services and housing counseling—operating costs of other non-profit organizations, and capacity building of other non-profit organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the amount of funding for each activity does not exceed the stated percentage cap for any individual activities and the total amount of combined funding for the activities listed below does not exceed 40 percent of the HOME-ARP allocation, or \$1,422,526.80, including up to a cap of:

- 15 percent (no more than \$533,447.55) for supportive services;
- 15 percent (no more than \$533,447.55) for the acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter(s);
- 5 percent (no more than \$177,815.85) for operating costs of other non-profit organizations; and
- 5 percent (no more than \$177,815.85) may be used for capacity building of other non-profit organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, if funding for the production or preservation of affordable housing or the purchase or development of non-congregate shelter for individuals and families experiencing homelessness is not fully allocated in a timely manner, up to \$1,422,526.80 of the HOME-ARP funding may be used for other eligible activities through a formal application process; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about November 4, 2024 by resolution Number 24-1506, Council set this matter for public hearing to occur at 5:00 PM on December 9, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, public notice of the hearing was published in the Des Moines Register on or about November 22, 2024.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that:

1. All public comments regarding the HOME-ARP Substantial Amendment to the Allocation Plan have been received and the hearing is hereby closed.
2. The HOME-ARP Substantial Amendment to the Allocation Plan, on file with the City Clerk and by this reference made a part hereof, is hereby approved.
3. The City Manager or their designee is hereby authorized and directed to submit the HOME-ARP Substantial Amendment to the Allocation Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

(Council Communication No. 24-503)

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MOVED BY Gatto TO ADOPT. SECOND BY Mandelbaum

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Gary D. Goudelock Jr.  
 Gary D. Goudelock Jr.  
 Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
BOESEN	✓			
SIMONSON	✓			
VOSS	✓			
COLEMAN	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
GATTO	✓			
TOTAL	7			

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

**CERTIFICATE**

I, LAURA BAUMGARTNER, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

Connie Boesen Mayor

Laura Baumgartner City Clerk