

**COMBINED NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND PUBLIC HEARING
FOR THE
HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP)
Substantial Amendment Draft**

Participating Jurisdiction: City of Gastonia

Date of Amendment: August 1, 2025

Original Allocation Plan Date : March 2023

Amendment Type: Substantial Amendment (per HUD Notice CPD-21-10)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Gastonia received a HOME-ARP allocation of \$2,850,611 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to address the housing and service needs of Qualifying Populations, including:

- People experiencing or at risk of homelessness
- Survivors of domestic violence
- Veterans
- Other vulnerable populations

Through the process of public engagement and stakeholder consultation, the community selected priority activities from the following options:

- Non-Congregate Shelter;
- Development of affordable rental housing;
- Tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA);
- Support services;
- Non-profit capacity building and operating assistance; and
- Administration.
- submitted a HOME-ARP allocation plan that prioritized the following eligible activities:

In March 2023, HUD approved Gastonia's HOME-ARP Allocation plan inclusive of the following activities: Administration, Non-Profit Capacity Building, Non-Profit Operating, Support Services and Non-Congregate Shelter. A 24-month commitment period began at plan approval for Non-Profit Capacity, Non-Profit Operating and Support Services categories of HOME-ARP funds.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

This substantial amendment proposes an update to Gastonia's HOME-ARP allocation to align with HUD guidelines, respond to expired commitments, and integrate newly awarded funds. These changes aim to maximize the impact of the program for qualifying populations, including those experiencing homelessness, survivors of domestic violence, veterans, and other vulnerable groups. This amendment is inclusive of two (2) proposed actions:

1. Reallocation of HOME-ARP funds

As of March 2025, the 24-month commitment requirement rendered funding in the following categories expired and uncommitted:

- Support Services
- Non-Profit Capacity Building
- Non-Profit Operating

To ensure optimal use of remaining funds and compliance with HUD regulations, the City proposes to reprogram \$200,000 from the expired categories into eligible to Administration and Non-Congregate Shelter categories.

Funds are being reallocated due to a 24-month commitment requirement that begins at the time of plan approval (March 2023). Funds expired for specific categories of Support Services, Non-Profit Capacity and Non-Profit Operating in March 2025. To make the most efficient use of available funds, funds in expired categories are proposed to be reprogrammed to current eligible categories. Based upon this information, the City intends to shift a total of \$200,000 in funding from Support Services, Non-Profit Capacity and Non-Profit Operating to Administration and Non-Congregate Shelter (NCS).

These adjustments are intended to maintain compliance with HUD timelines, ensure full fund utilization, and better meet the evolving needs of qualifying populations. The City continues to monitor implementation progress and will coordinate all amendment activities in accordance with citizen participation and public notice requirements.

2. Funding Update

Following the original HOME-ARP award of \$2,850,611, the City of Gastonia received an additional \$4,273 in funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This adjustment brings the total allocation to \$2,854,884 and will be incorporated into the updated Allocation Plan to maximize support for eligible activities serving Qualifying Populations.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO FUNDING ALLOCATION

Activity	Original Allocation	Proposed Allocation	Rationale
Non-Profit Capacity	\$ 125,000	\$0	Decrease due expiration of funded category
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 75,000	\$0	Decrease due expiration of funded category
Support Services	\$200,000	\$0	Decrease due expiration of funded category
Non-Congregate Shelter (NCS)	\$2,200,611	\$2,455,200	Adjusted based on utilization data
Administration		\$ 399,684	Adjusted to include expired funding category and increase of additional funds
TOTAL BUDGET	\$2,850,611	\$2,854,884	

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- **Method:** Virtual meetings, surveys, public hearings
- **Public Notice Date:** 07/22/2025
- **Notice Location:** <https://gastonianc.gov>
- **Comment Period:** Friday, August 1, 2024 – Monday, September 1, 2024

- **Public Hearing Date #1:** Monday, August 4, 2025 – 5:30 pm
Virtual: Call-In Number 1-650-479-3208
WebEx Meeting Code: 2535-886-4605
Website login: <https://signin.webex.com/join>
In-Person: City Hall 181 S. South Street, Gastonia, NC 28052
- **Public Hearing Date #2:** Monday, August 25, 2025 – 5:30 pm
Virtual: Call-In Number 1-650-479-3208
WebEx Meeting Code: 2530 631 7368
Website login: <https://signin.webex.com/join>
In-Person: City Hall 181 S. South Street, Gastonia, NC 28052

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments may be submitted by Monday, September 1, 2025, by the close of business at 5:00 pm. Comments received after this time will not be considered.

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