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State of Utah

\$12.9mm allocation

State population
3,338,000

PIT Count 2023: 2,922 Humans

- *2,061 Sheltered*
- *861 Unsheltered*

Welcome



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Utah Took a Different Path from Traditional HOME Funds

- **Traditional, recurring HOME funds DO NOT go through the Office of Homeless Services (OHS)**
 - Administered by the Utah Housing and Community Development Division
 - \$3.8mm in 2023. Funds only used for affordable housing development activities. Typically paired with National Housing Trust Fund awards in one application process



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Why OHS and not established HOME funds process?

- **Qualifying Populations of HOME-ARP**
 - OHS administers ESG and other homeless focused funding
 - Existing system of service providers across the state that engage with OHS for funding and coordination
 - Continuum of Care (CoC)
 - Local Homeless Councils (Utah Specific)
- **Different than HOME and can be used for different purposes**

<https://jobs.utah.gov/homelessness/stateorg.html>



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OHS Outreach Process

- **Conducted by OHS staff only (no consultants)**
- **Began with a simple Google Form survey**
 - Had each respondent:
 - Rank activities by priority for them specifically
 - Estimate the number of individuals who would qualify for HOME-ARP
 - List other groups in their area that they coordinate with
- **Followed up on surveys with in-person/virtual meetings**
- **Held multiple in-person and virtual public hearings**
 - Advertised beyond what is required by HUD. Utilized Facebook, Twitter, and coordinated to have a story published in local newspapers



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How the State of Utah is Using HOME-ARP

Activity	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 973,403.80		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ 5,840,422.80		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 0.00		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 2,920,211.40		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 648,935	5%	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ 648,935	5%	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 1,946,807	15 %	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$12,978,715		



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Application and Award Process

- **Opened applications in January of 2023**
 - 22 applications received (excludes Non-profit operating and capacity building)
 - \$24.7mm in total request (\$9,734,000 available in actual program funds)
- **Prioritized projects to rural areas when possible**
- **Awarded 13 projects**
 - 5 supportive services
 - 6 rental housing
 - 2 Non-congregate shelter



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Lessons Learned

- **Some project types are more difficult to administer than others**
 - Non-congregate shelter is especially hard to find operations funding for. Saw much smaller demand than outreach predicted
- **Capacity is lacking in rural areas even with the possibility of non-profit operating and capacity-building funds**
- **Confusion between HOME and HOME-ARP**
 - Flexibility with per-unit amounts was not fully understood
 - Should have encouraged smaller projects that could be 100% HOME-ARP funded
- **Institutional hesitancy to try new things**
 - Two other largest PJs in Utah not using HOME-ARP for anything other than traditional HOME activities



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Thank you!

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