

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
STARK COUNTY, OH**

**A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD FOR THE 2021 ANNUAL ACTION
PLAN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT.**

The Annual Action Plan is Stark County's application and distribution plan for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) Block Grant Programs (HOME and CDBG). Stark County received an additional funding allocation through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to be administered through the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) to perform activities that must primarily benefit qualifying individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or in other vulnerable populations. These funds are governed by HUD CPD Notice 21-10: Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program issued September 13, 2021.

Stark County conducted a stakeholder consultation process to identify unmet housing and service needs among qualifying individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or in other vulnerable populations. Based on this information, Stark County identified the following priority needs:

- Rental housing that is affordable and accessible to 0-30% AMI households
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Supportive services
- TBRA

Stark County's HOME-ARP Allocation Plan proposes the following eligible activities and budget amounts.

Supportive Services	\$ 300,000.00
Development of affordable rental housing	\$ 2,336,210.55
Non-profit operating	\$ 54,000.00
Non-profit capacity building	\$ 54,000.00
Administration and planning	\$ 484,272.45
Total Allocation	\$ 3,228,483.00

A public hearing will be held for the purpose of obtaining public input on February 7, 2023 beginning at 7:00pm EST before the Stark Regional Planning Commission. A draft of the Substantial Amendment, which includes the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, will be available for public comment beginning on January 10, 2023. Oral and written comments will be accepted during the public hearing. Written comments can also be emailed to Diane Sheridan, dmsheridan@starkcountyohio.gov or Lisa Snyder, lcsnyder@starkcountyohio.gov. The amended 2021 Annual Action Plan containing the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan also will be available January 10, 2023 online at www.rpc.starkcountyohio.gov. The draft Plan will be shared with the county's stakeholder contact list, asking them to place it on their website, social media sites, in lobbies and waiting areas. The draft Plan will be sent to the CoC to be distributed to their membership. To be considered for inclusion in the final Allocation Plan, all oral and written comments must be received by the county no later than February 9, 2023 at 4pm EST.

The public hearing on February 7, 2023 at 7pm will take place in person at 201 3rd Street NE, Suite 201, Canton, Ohio 44702. The building is ADA accessible. If any individual requires special accommodation contact Diane Sheridan at 330.451.7031 or dmsheridan@starkcountyohio.gov prior to February 7, 2023.

The Stark County Board of Commissioners is expected to take action on the draft Substantial Amendment, which includes the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, at its regular meeting on February 15, 2023 at 1:30 pm. The county anticipates submitting the approved plan to HUD on or before March 31, 2023.

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Equal Employment Opportunity