



Sonoma County Community Development Commission

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**Notice of Funding Availability for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025
County Fund for Housing (CFH) and Permanent Local
Housing Allocation (PLHA), and FY 2021-2022 HOME-
American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP)**

Issue Date: July 10, 2024

Application Due Date: August 15, 2024, 5:00 pm

The Sonoma County Community Development Commission (Commission) is pleased to announce the availability of this funding and requests applications from eligible organizations for affordable housing projects.

CFH Funds

The Commission has \$1,000,000 of local funding available from the County Fund for Housing program for eligible affordable housing projects including acquisition, rehabilitation, preservation, and new construction. Preference will be given to non-profit affordable housing development organizations, projects that increase the supply of affordable housing, including permanent supportive housing, and housing that serves special needs populations.

PLHA Funds

The Commission has \$1,331,672 of State funding available from the Permanent Local Housing Allocation program for affordable housing projects, including acquisition, rehabilitation, preservation, and new construction. Preference will be given to Affordable Owner Workforce Housing (AOWH) projects for the development of affordable ownership housing including accessory dwelling units (ADUs) available to households with incomes up to 120 percent (120%) of the Area Median Income (AMI). These funds are also available for projects that increase the supply of affordable rental housing, including permanent supportive housing and housing that serves special needs populations.

HOME-ARP Funds

The Commission has \$784,482 of federal HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funding available for affordable rental housing, including acquisition, rehabilitation, preservation, and new construction. To qualify for these funds, eligible projects must serve all four qualifying populations:

- Homeless households
- Households at-risk of becoming homeless



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- Persons or households fleeing or experiencing domestic violence, stalking, and/or human trafficking
- Vulnerable populations requiring services or assistance to prevent homelessness, and others at high risk of becoming homeless (this includes large families)

Projects that do not support all four qualifying populations at the proposed project site are not eligible as HOME-ARP funds cannot support any project that excludes any one of the four qualifying populations.

FY 2024-2025 Funding Priorities

The Community Development Commission Loan Policies, CFH Policies, PLHA policies, Homeownership Policies, and the Federal Funding Policies guide the allocation process of these funds in an effort to further the strategic plan goals stated in the five-year 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan. Prospective applicants are strongly encouraged to review these policies prior to application submission. The policies can be viewed on this web page: <https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/development-services/community-development-commission/plans-policies-and-reports>

The Commission will recommend funding awards to the most competitive proposals that adhere to the basic threshold criteria, selection criteria, and preferences, as outlined in the applicable funding policies.

Attendance at a technical assistance workshop is mandatory for all prospective applicants. There are two scheduled technical assistance workshops, and applicants must attend one of these sessions to apply for the available funds. If a prospective applicant is unable to attend a technical assistance workshop, applicants must contact Commission staff to discuss an alternative that will satisfy the mandatory attendance requirement. Detailed information about CFH, PLHA, and HOME-ARP eligibility and project requirements will be reviewed during the technical assistance sessions, and Commission staff will be available to answer questions. The technical assistance workshops will be hosted on Zoom – please see the links and other details below:

Technical Assistance Workshop #1: Tuesday, July 23, 2024, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Zoom Link:

<https://sonomacounty.zoom.us/j/94694585494?pwd=Irm6XK6z0fnQSlqEb9LGuzKGdKUWRr.1>

Passcode: 511113

Webinar ID: 946 9458 5494

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Technical Assistance Workshop #2: Wednesday, July 24, 2024, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Zoom Link:

<https://sonomacounty.zoom.us/j/97265449268?pwd=zSCPGNa8jKAsUqvPPCAVDNjD4Q0kpQ.1>

Passcode: 332663

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NOTE: Please contact Commission staff by phone at (707) 565-1268 or by email at matthew.burns@sonoma-county.org to RSVP for a workshop. If you are unable to attend one of the technical assistance sessions, please contact Commission staff to discuss an alternative solution to meet this requirement.

Application Due Date

All funding applications must be submitted to the Commission by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 15, 2024. Applications must be submitted through the Commission's online portal and no hard copy or alternative versions will be accepted. Applicants will be sent a link to the application portal after attending a technical assistance session.

Selection Process

All applications will be reviewed and evaluated by Commission staff, who will then prepare an analysis for consideration by the CD Committee and the CTAC at a concurrent meeting on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. At the meeting, the committees will review the HOME-ARP related staff reports prepared by Commission staff for each submitted funding application, accept comments from applicants and the public, provide feedback, and make funding recommendations. The HOME-ARP funding recommendations will be integrated into the draft FY 2021-2022 Action Plan Substantial Amendment. After adjournment of the concurrent committee meeting, the CD Committee will review the CFH and PLHA staff reports and make funding recommendations that will be recommended to the Board of Supervisors.

All applicants must be present at the meetings to be considered for funding.

The CD Committee and CTAC will hold concurrent public hearings on October 23, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. to make final funding recommendations for the FY 2021-2022 Action Plan Substantial Amendment. The final recommendations from both committees will then be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval in November 2024.

Key Dates

Wednesday, July 10, 2024	Publication of the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for FY 2024-2025 CFH, PLHA, and FY 2021-2022 HOME-ARP.
Tuesday, July 23, 2024, 10:00 AM	Technical Assistance (TA) Workshop #1 for applicants interested in submitting a funding application. Attendance at a TA session is a mandatory requirement for application submission.
Wednesday, July 24, 2024, 2:00 PM	Technical Assistance (TA) Workshop #2 for applicants interested in submitting a funding application. Attendance at a TA session is a mandatory requirement for application submission.
August 15, 2024, 5:00 PM	Funding applications are due to the Commission no later than 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 10:00 a.m.	Community Development (CD) Committee and Cities and Towns Advisory Committee (CTAC) concurrent meeting to make funding recommendations for the FY 2021-2022 Action Plan Substantial Amendment for HOME-ARP. The committees will provide comments and may ask clarifying questions of applicants. After the adjournment of the concurrent meeting, the CD committee will meet to make funding recommendations for CFH and PLHA. All applicants must be present to be considered for funding.
Friday, September 20, 2024	FY 2021-2022 Action Plan Substantial Amendment published for a 30-day public comment period.
Wednesday, October 23, 2024 10:00 a.m. (Special Meeting)	CD Committee and CTAC hold a concurrent public hearing to make final funding recommendations for the FY 2021-2022 Action Plan Substantial Amendment.
Tuesday, November 19, 2024 (Date subject to change)	Board of Supervisors to consider adoption of the FY 2024-2025 CFH and PLHA funding recommendations and FY 2021-2022 Action Plan Substantial Amendment.

Commission Contact Information

Please contact Matthew Burns at 707-565-1268 or at matthew.burns@sonoma-county.org if you have any questions about the application process and requirements.