

PUBLIC NOTICE
Proposed Amendments to the St. Clair County
Program Year
2021 Annual Action Plan

St. Clair County is proposing to:

Revise St. Clair County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)/HOME ARP program goals for the 2021 Annual Action Plan in the following manner:

The original allocation plan was submitted to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in February, 2023. The original submission under HOME-ARP Activities stated the County will “Describe the method(s) that will be used for soliciting applications for funding and/or selecting developers, service providers, subrecipients and/or contractors” stated we would issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the development of Affordable Housing and Supportive Services, Applicants were provided 30 days to submit full applications. Staff would be available to provide technical assistance. The solicitation provided one applicant, St. Clair County staff worked with the applicant for approximately 1 year to overcome barriers they encountered in attempting to develop the project in order to obtain an award from St. Clair County. The organization could not overcome all barriers and opted to withdraw their application. Another organization had approached the County to utilize funds later in the process to rehabilitate/construct 14-16 units of affordable housing. The HOME ARP funds were awarded to the County October 2021, therefore, due to timeliness in expenditure of HOME ARP funds and avoid any further delays the County has utilized the direct award process for the second organization.

St. Clair County has established for HOME ARP it's preference as: QP1 – Homeless, as defined in 24 CFR 91.5 Homeless (1), (2) or (3) and; OP3 – Fleeing or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, as defined by HUD. St. Clair County Coordinated Entry will incorporate and adopt the HOME ARP Expanded Coordinated Entry requirements. St. Clair County Coordinated Entry will prioritize QP's 1 and 3 for first available HOME ARP projects prior to all other QP's. St. Clair County CE will also prioritize QP's 1 and 3 by qualifying criteria currently utilized in St. Clair County CE policies and procedures. CE currently coordinates with DV agencies for QP 3's to ensure housing is available and will continue to do so wither thru HOME ARP or the DV agencies programs. If there are no QP's 1 or 3 available, St. Clair County would then refer a QP 2 or 4 will be to a first available HOME ARP project. St. Clair County currently refers QP's 2 and 4 to prevention services and support services available throughout the County.

Federal regulations require 30 days for public comment. St. Clair County will accept written comments until 4:00 p.m. on November 29, 2024. All written comments should be addressed to:

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