

Notice for a Public Hearing and Public Comment Period

Public Hearing Date: Wednesday, January 3, 2024
Time: 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.
Location: City Council Briefing Center, City Hall,
808 W Spokane Falls Blvd, Spokane
Please contact CHHS at 509-625-6325, or at spokanechhs@spokanecity.org for virtual meeting options.

The City of Spokane's Community, Housing, and Human Services Department (CHHS) will hold a Public Hearing to provide information and invite public comment on a substantial amendment to the HOME American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) allocation plan.

The City of Spokane is requesting the substantial amendment to the HOME-ARP allocation plan to decrease the amount of funding allocated to the development of affordable rental housing, increase the amount of funding allocated to supportive services, and add funding for tenant-based rental assistance to the allocation plan.

As per the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the purpose of HOME-ARP funding is to provide homelessness assistance and supportive services. Funds to be administered through the HOME-ARP program may only be used to perform four activities that benefit qualifying individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or in other vulnerable populations as defined in CPD Notice 21-10. Eligible activities for funding include: (1) development and support of affordable housing, (2) tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA), (3) provision of supportive services; and (4) acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter units.

The public may comment at the Public Hearing or may forward their comments to the CHHS Department via phone, call 509-625-6325, or email spokanechhs@spokanecity.org. An electronic copy of the draft can be obtained at <https://my.spokanecity.org/chhs/documents/>. Paper copies of the draft substantial amendment will be made available upon request.

Public comments will be collected for the substantial amendment to the HOME-ARP allocation plan between the dates of January 3, 2024, and January 18, 2024, and will be presented along with the plan to the Community, Housing, and Human Services Board for final approval on February 7, 2024.

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For further information, contact the CHHS Department at 625-6325.