

SC Housing

HOME-ARP Allocation Plan – Amendment 1

Public Comments

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On May 17, 2026 SC Housing published a draft amendment to the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. A public hearing was held on May 21, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. and public comments were accepted from May 17, 2026 through June 1, 2026. Below are the comments received and SC Housing's responses.

Comment 1: As the State moves forward with the HOME-ARP Amended Draft Allocation Plan, Hidden Wounds strongly encourages South Carolina to prioritize the following areas:

- Affordable low-income housing development
- Permanent supportive housing opportunities
- Supportive services that address barriers to housing stability
- Funding access for nonprofit organizations actively developing housing solutions
- Equitable consideration for rural and underserved communities
- Housing initiatives serving veterans and other vulnerable populations

While affordable housing development is critically important, housing alone is often not enough. Long-term housing success is strengthened when safe housing is paired with supportive services that address health, employment, financial stability, transportation, and community connection. These supportive services can significantly reduce the likelihood of recurring homelessness and improve long-term outcomes for vulnerable individuals and families.

Hidden Wounds also encourages the State to ensure that nonprofit organizations with direct community involvement and firsthand experience serving homeless and at-risk populations have equitable access to funding opportunities and partnership participation. Community-based organizations are uniquely positioned to identify urgent local needs and provide trusted support services that improve housing stability.

Additionally, rural communities across South Carolina continue to face significant shortages in affordable housing resources and supportive infrastructure. We respectfully request that the State provide equitable consideration to rural and underserved areas when allocating HOME-ARP resources to ensure these communities are not left behind.

Veterans, surviving spouses, seniors, disabled individuals, and other vulnerable populations continue to experience disproportionate housing challenges. Hidden Wounds believes these populations should remain a central focus within the State's housing strategy and investment priorities.

Response 1: SC Housing's original HOME-ARP Allocation Plan prioritized permanent rental housing. Funds were made available during a rental application cycle last summer. Only two applications were submitted and only one of those was able to be funded. Due to the federal expenditure deadline of September 30, 2030, SC Housing feels there is not a sufficient amount of time remaining to host a second funding round for the rental activity.

SC Housing agrees that providing supportive services to Qualifying Populations (QPs), including veterans can be a valuable tool to improve living conditions and quality of life. The amended plan allocates a portion of the HOME-ARP funding for Supportive Services. SC Housing will host a funding round for PHAs to access funding for TBRA and/or Supportive Services. The funding will be distributed as evenly as practical across geographic areas of the State. In the event there is funding still available after the PHA funding cycle, SC Housing will host an additional funding cycle during which non-profits with experience serving the homeless and other at-risk Qualifying Populations can request HOME-ARP funding for Supportive Services.

Comment 2: We encourage the State to prioritize:

- Development of permanent affordable housing units.
- Supportive housing models that combine stable housing with access to services.
- Capacity building opportunities for nonprofit organizations working in housing development.
- Flexible funding structures that allow innovative community-based housing solutions to grow and become sustainable.
- Long-term investments that address housing stability rather than temporary housing needs alone.

Veterans and other vulnerable populations benefit most when housing solutions are paired with community support systems and opportunities for long-term independence. Programs such as HOME-ARP create important opportunities for organizations like VAAnthrope to develop sustainable housing models that can serve communities for years to come.

Response 2: See response to comment 1

Comment 3: A few comments on the new allocation of HOME ARP funds. I am confused why only PHA's will be allowed to apply for TBRA. The way I understand it is that the State is THE PJ and any organization that receives this funding would therefore be a sub-recipient, not the PJ. We administer the TBRA program in Horry, Georgetown and Williamsburg counties and have done so very successfully over the last 3 years. We have the capacity to provide housing search and placement, ongoing supportive services, etc. Is it possible that non profits should be able to apply for this in some of our counties that are not entitlements? This is a great program to have to offer as a part of move-on strategies as well as transitioning from short term rental assistance programs, not just EHV vouchers, which there were very few of.

Another comment or question is, is there consideration for not moving quite as much from development into TBRA. I understand the lack of projects being turned in, but think now that the 26 CoC NOFO and FY25 funding issue is resolved, many new project request will be forthcoming.

Response 3: A Subrecipient is a government entity or nonprofit selected by the Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) to administer HOME-ARP funding on behalf of the PJ. SC Housing is not planning to use a Subrecipient to administer the HOME-ARP program and is not limiting funding distribution to only HOME Participating Jurisdictions.

The TBRA and Supportive Services funding cycle will be made available to all forty-three Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) in the state that meet eligibility requirements. In the event there is funding still available after the PHA funding cycle, SC Housing will host an additional funding cycle during which non-profits with experience serving the homeless and other at-risk Qualifying Populations can request HOME-ARP funding for Supportive Services