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**Greater Attleboro/Taunton HOME Consortium (GATHC)
HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)
HOME-ARP Allocation Plan**

**Public Hearing – December 19, 2022 at 5pm
Taunton City Hall, Municipal Chambers**

**Fifteen Day Public Comment Period
December 6, 2022 to December 21, 2022**

The City of Taunton, lead city for the Greater Attleboro/Taunton HOME Consortium (GATHC), has issued the draft FY2021 HOME-ARP Allocation Plan on the Consortium's anticipated use of HOME-ARP funds. The Consortium includes the communities of Attleboro, Berkley, Carver, Dighton, Freetown, Lakeville, Mansfield, Middleboro, North Attleboro, Norton, Plainville, Raynham, Seekonk and Taunton have been awarded \$2,611,979 of HOME-ARP funds.

A Public Hearing has been scheduled for December 19, 2022, at 5:00 PM at Taunton City Hall, Municipal Council Chambers, 15 Summer Street, Taunton MA. The purpose of the hearing is to review and take public comment on the draft Allocation Plan.

HOME-ARP funds may be used benefit qualifying populations through:

1. Tenant-based Rental Assistance (TBRA);
2. Development and support of affordable housing;
3. Provision of supportive services;
4. Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter;
5. Nonprofit capacity building and operating assistance; and
6. Funds for the planning and administration of the HOME-ARP Program.

For the purposes of HOME-ARP, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) defines qualifying individuals or families, including Veterans that are:

1. Homeless, as defined in section 103(a) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act;
2. At risk of homelessness, as defined in section 401 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act;
3. Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (as defined by HUD in 24 CFR 5.2003) or human trafficking (as outlined in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 as amended [22 USC 7102]); and

4. Part of other populations, where providing supportive services or assistance under section 212(a) of the National Affordable Housing Act 42 USC 12472(a) would: a. Prevent a family's homelessness; b. Serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability.

The draft FY2021 HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is available for a fifteen-day public comment period starting on December 6, 2022. Comments should be submitted to the Office of Economic and Community Development at 15 Summer Street, Taunton, MA 02780: in person by appointment, by mail, email at oecd@taunton-ma.gov, hand delivery or by calling until 4:00 p.m. EST on December 21, 2022. The FY2021 HOME-ARP Allocation Plan will be submitted to HUD after a review of public comments, on or about December 23, 2022. For further information, please contact William Roth, Jr., Executive Director, Office of Economic and Community Development, at (508) 821-1030.

The draft plan can be viewed at the following:

- **Office of Economic and Community Development** - 15 Summer Street, 3rd Floor, Taunton, MA
- **Taunton City Clerk's Office** - 15 Summer Street, 1st Floor, Taunton, MA
- **City of Taunton Website:** <https://www.taunton-ma.gov/188/Economic-Community-Development>

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