

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Yakima will hold a Public Hearing to receive public input on the use of City of Yakima HOME-ARP funds and the related amendment to include these funds in the 2021 Annual Action Plan. The Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday February 21, 2023 at 6:00 PM**, or soon thereafter, via Zoom and in the City Council Chambers of Yakima City Hall, 129 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Yakima WA 98901. Any person wishing to provide public comment on this request is welcome to attend or call in to the public hearing by dialing 1-253-215-8782 or 1-971-247-1195, enter meeting ID 984 7277 2496# and meeting password 646538#. Participants are encouraged to submit a Public Request Form prior to the day of the hearing at: [www.yakimawa.gov/council/public-comment/](http://www.yakimawa.gov/council/public-comment/)

The City of Yakima was awarded \$1,822,807 in Home Investment Partnership Program- American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) funds in a one-time allocation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is required by HUD for the City of Yakima to receive federal HOME-ARP grant fund which is available to assist individuals or households who are experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, victims of domestic violence and other vulnerable populations, by providing services or housing to reduce homelessness or provide housing stability. The City of Yakima will develop the Allocation Plan following the public input phase to help select projects. At this time, the City of Yakima is inclined to state a preference that funds be prioritized for projects which develop new affordable housing for homeless individuals or households, or those at risk of being homeless. Additional consideration would be given to a managed project that matches services to individuals and households with residents that are 30% or less of the Average Median Income (AMI), or have a disability and/or include veterans, as well as projects that create 60 or more housing units available to households at 50% or less of the AMI.

Additionally, the City of Yakima and Yakima County conducted Joint Community Consultation processes and are holding concurrent public comment opportunities on their respective HOME-ARP Allocation Plans. Persons wishing to comment on the HOME-ARP program have another opportunity to attend and comment at the Public Hearing held by the Board of Yakima County Commissioners on Tuesday February 28, 2023 at 10:00 AM in the Yakima County Courthouse Basement, Room 33B at 128 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Yakima WA 98901. All comments received at either the February 21, 2023 City of Yakima Public Hearing and the February 28, 2023 Yakima County Public Hearing will be shared with both agencies.

Notice is also given that the draft City of Yakima HOME-ARP Allocation Plan will be available on March 7, 2023 for public review and comment. Hard copies will be available at the City Clerk's office and the plan will be on the City of Yakima web site <https://www.yakimawa.gov/services/planning/housing/>

Written comments may be submitted to Joan Davenport, Community Development Director, 129 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Yakima WA 98901 or by email to [ask.planning@yakimawa.gov](mailto:ask.planning@yakimawa.gov). Written comments regarding the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan must be submitted no later than 4:00 PM, March 22, 2023.

Any person needing accommodation under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) to attend the public meeting, and/or provide comment on these draft plans, please contact the Community Development Department at (509) 575-6183. Para la traducción al español, por favor llame al (509)575-6183.

### **Publication Dates**

Yakima Herald-Republic: Sunday February 12, 2023

El Sol de Yakima: Friday February 17, 2023

### **Bill to Account: Planning – 11002**

City of Yakima Planning Division

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