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MEMO TO COMMISSIONERS:

FROM: Ed Muire, Planning Director
DATE: October 25, 2021
SUBJECT: HOME - ARP [Request to Participate]

BACKGROUND

The City of Concord has advised Rowan County and other HOME Consortium members that HUD will be releasing funding for the HOME-ARP which is designed to address homelessness assistance and supportive services. These funds must be used to primarily benefit qualifying individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or in other vulnerable populations.

The four (4) eligible activities 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.

ARP defines qualifying individuals or families as those that are (1) homeless, as defined in section 103(a) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 11302(a)) ("McKinney-Vento"); (2) at risk of homelessness, as defined in section 401 of McKinney-Vento; (3) fleeing, or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; (4) part of other populations where providing supportive services or assistance would prevent a family's homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability; or (5) veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meet the criteria in one of (1)-(4) above.

The anticipated amount the HOME Consortium will receive is over four (4) million dollars and funds will be disbursed based on the same formula that determines the annual HOME project and administration allocations. The Consortium projects that Rowan County may receive up \$700,000 and \$58,000 in administrative costs. This program does not require matching funds or cost participation by the County. The program funds will expire September 30, 2030.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Concord has requested a response from HOME Consortium members as to their interest in participating in this program. Although specifics regarding an application and process have not been finalized, Staff recommends Planning Staff be authorized to respond that Rowan County is interested in participating.

This response does not commit Rowan County to participating or funding obligations, rather it preserves the County's ability to participate as the process evolves.

BOARD ACTION

- Authorize Planning Staff to respond to the HOME Consortium (City of Concord) that Rowan County is interested in participating in the HOME - ARP