Notice of Funds Available (NOFA)

State Fiscal Recovery Funds - American Rescue Plan (SFRF-ARP)
Transitional Bridge Housing for Homeless Individuals and/or Families
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State Fiscal Recovery Funds from the American Rescue Plan (SFRF-ARP) Final Rule 2021-10283 found here:

NOFA issued 11/19/2021

$40 Million in SFRF-ARP funds available:

$30 Million set aside for rural balance of state outside of Maricopa and Pima Counties and tribal jurisdictions.

10 Million available statewide including Maricopa and Pima Counties and tribal jurisdictions.

Applications accepted immediately and will be open until all funds are committed.
Eligible Activity:

- Conversion of (including acquisition and/or rehabilitation) hotel units into transitional bridge housing for homeless individuals and/or families.

- All activities must demonstrate they respond to a disproportionate impact caused by COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

- There must not be a duplication of benefit of financial assistance from any other federal source.

- Activity should be ready to begin implementation within thirty-(30) days of execution of Funding Agreement.
Eligible Applicants:

- Rural Balance of State:
  - Unit of Local Government
  - Non-profit Organization
- Statewide:
  - Unit of Local Government
  - Tribal jurisdiction
  - Non-profit Organization
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Application Thresholds:

- Project application is complete including all required documentation per the SFRF-ARP Application Checklist.
- Application demonstrates the eligible activity responds to a disproportionate impact caused by COVID-19.
  - Expenditure Category is 3.10 Housing Support: Affordable Housing.
  - Activity must serve homeless individuals and/or families.
- Must have local government approval and be properly zoned for the proposed use. Properties requiring variances or use permits are allowed.
If additional federal funding (non-SFRF-ARP) is required for the completion of the project then applicant must comply with all federal cross cutting regulations. These include but are not limited to:

- Environmental Review Record (ERR) (separate from required Phase I)
- Procurement
- Davis Bacon Labor Standards (DBLS)
- Uniform Relocation Act (URA)
- Section 3
Application Thresholds Continued:

- Rural units of local government must comply with the State’s Citizen Participation Plan.
- If activities will take place on tribal land, applicant must submit documentation of consent of the tribal jurisdiction.
- Applicant must be a participant in the local Continuum of Care or agree to participate going forward.
- Applicant must agree to report its services/assistance to homeless populations in the relevant HMIS system.
Application Thresholds Continued

- Applicant must pre-identify resources necessary to pay for ongoing Operating Expenses for a period of five (5) years after completion of the project.

- Applicant must provide a long-term plan for the continued use of the facility for transitional or permanent affordable housing. A 40-year Land Use Restriction Agreement is required and will be recorded in order to maintain long-term affordability.

- Applicant agrees to repay or secure repayment if the assistance is determined to be duplicative or does not comply with any applicable federal regulations.
Application Thresholds Continued:

- Activity or Project is non-speculative
  - Applicant must have legally binding commitment for all funding necessary to complete the proposed activity or project.

- Applicant evidences capacity to complete project in timely manner.

- All applications are subject to underwriting by ADOH, and be determined to be financially viable.

NOTE: Applicants are encouraged to begin the required Phase 1 Environmental as soon as possible.
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Maximum Grant Amount:
- There is no grant size limit up to the maximum funding per the distribution categories:
  - $30 Million Rural Balance of State
  - $10 Million Statewide

Selection Notification:
- Awards made at sole discretion of ADOH
- Notification anticipated within sixty (60) days whether applicant will receive a conditional commitment of funding.
- Unfunded applicants will have opportunity to review application with ADOH staff to increase potential to be funded in subsequent application and funding processes if applicable.
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Application Submittal:

- Application Materials located on the CDBG Forms Page of the ADOH Website under the State Fiscal Recovery Funds heading here: https://housing.az.gov/documents-links/forms/community-revitalization
  - SFRF-ARP Transitional Bridge Housing NOFA.
  - SFRF-ARP Transitional Bridge Housing Funding Process and Application Instructions.
  - SFRF-ARP Homeless Transitional Bridge Housing Application.

- Applications must be electronically submitted and received by ADOH through the CDBG and HOME document portal located on the ADOH website: https://housing.az.gov/portals/document-upload-portals

- Applications may NOT be submitted via U.S. Mail, Fed-ex, UPS, e-mail or fax.
Questions regarding this NOFA may be submitted in writing via email to:

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