

CITY OF KISSIMMEE
PROGRAM YEARS 2026-2027 AND 2027-2028
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY AND REQUEST FOR
APPLICATIONS UNDER HOME ARP PROGRAM

The City of Kissimmee has received funding through the HOME American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Program to assist individuals and families experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, or belonging to other qualifying vulnerable populations. HOME-ARP funds may be used to support the development of affordable housing, tenant-based rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelters for HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations (QP), including: Individuals and families experiencing homelessness; Households at risk of homelessness; Individuals fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; and Veterans and families that include a veteran who meet the eligibility criteria of one or more of the above populations. The City is seeking to establish a coordinated service delivery model that improves access to housing and supportive services for HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Qualifying Populations (QP). The initiative will strengthen strategic partnerships, provide centralized navigation to available resources, leverage existing community services, and reduce duplication of efforts and administrative burden.

A total of \$518,338 is available to support services during Program Years 2026–2027 and 2027–2028. Funding will support one or both of the following: (1) Lead Coordinating Agency – One nonprofit organization will serve as the lead agency responsible for coordinating the service network, facilitating referrals, and providing comprehensive case management to eligible HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations; and/or (2) Supportive Housing Service Providers – Multiple nonprofit organizations may be selected to deliver supportive services that promote housing stability and long-term self-sufficiency for eligible HOME-ARP Qualifying Populations. Eligible supportive services include, but are not limited to: Case management; Crisis intervention; Information and referral services; Emergency health and behavioral health services; Transportation assistance; Housing search assistance and housing action planning; Tenant counseling; Child care assistance; Grocery assistance; Credit counseling and access to personal credit reports; and, Financial assistance for eligible housing-related costs, including rental application fees, security deposits, utility deposits, utility arrears, and rental arrears.

Through this coordinated approach, the City seeks to create an efficient, client-centered system that connects eligible households with the housing resources and supportive services necessary to achieve and maintain stable housing. Applications are available from July 16 through August 17, 2026, on the city's website (www.kissimmee.gov/My-Government/Public-Notices) or by contacting Frances De Jesus, Housing and Community Development Manager at frances.dejesus@kissimmee.gov. A meeting to discuss the purpose of the application, available funding, the application cycle, eligibility requirements, submission instructions, evaluation criteria, and to answer questions will be held in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, located at 101 N. Church Street, Kissimmee, FL 34741, on July 20, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. People with disabilities requiring special accommodation to participate should call the Housing and Community Development Division at (407) 518-2162 within forty-eight (48) weekday hours of the meeting. If you have any questions, contact Frances De Jesus.