

**Housing/Shelter Funding Tracker**  
**(Updated February 21, 2021)**

*During the pandemic there have been many new funding opportunities released relating to housing and shelter. The increased funding is greatly needed. However, tracking the various funding sources, understanding the funding requirements, and meeting the short timelines for proposal present a lot of challenges for service providers. In an attempt to consolidate information about the various funding sources, and hopefully make it easier to decipher them, we have put together the funding tracker below.*

**Terms/Acronyms:**

ARP= The American Rescue Plan Act. ARP is federal law that was passed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The ARP statute included funding across several sectors that were impacted by COVID including several new funding allocations to support housing/shelter.

OEO: Office of Economic Opportunity. OEO is a department within the Minnesota Department of Human Services. The office handles the distribution of various forms of shelter funding.

ESP= Emergency Services Program. ESP is a state funding program administered by OEO that addresses shelter operation. This is an ongoing shelter funding source, but has also been used as a vehicle through which a lot of COVID-related shelter funding has been distributed.

HOME: The HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME for short). HOME is a program through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that provides funding focused on certain capital costs related to creating affordable housing. When ARP was passed, the statute included a large amount of funding to be filtered to states, cities, and counties through the HOME program. However, although the ARP money is being filtered through the pre-existing HOME program, the ARP money can fund several eligible costs that are normally not allowed under the traditional HOME program.

RFP: Request for Proposal.

Funding Description	Amount	Status
<p><b>Federal Fiscal Recovery Funds for Shelters (FRF-Shelter):</b> This is federal funding that is being distributed in Minnesota by OEO. The funding is intended to help shelters respond to COVID outbreaks in congregate settings. The funding is intended to “support rapid responses to outbreaks in overnight or day shelters, drop-in centers, and street outreach programs for people experiencing homelessness or domestic violence.” Some examples of eligible expenses are wages for staff who are quartered or in isolation, hazard pay related to COVID, costs to support isolation and quarantine spaces, etc.</p>	<p>10M</p>	<p>OEO started accepting requests for assistance on October 27, 2021 and the application is still open as of the release of this document. Applicants apply by submitting a survey form to OEO. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Information about submitting a request for funding survey is located on the Heading Home Alliance Website.  <a href="https://headinghomealliance.com/fiscal-recovery-funds/">https://headinghomealliance.com/fiscal-recovery-funds/</a></p>

<p><b>ARPA FVPSA for DV Survivors:</b> These funds will support programs in preventing, preparing for, and responding to COVID-19. FVPSA dollars must fund shelter and/or supportive services to victims and families of family violence, domestic violence, and dating violence.</p>	<p>1.9M (Approx.)</p>	<p>RFP will be released spring of 2022</p>
<p><b>ARPA FVPSA for SV Survivors:</b> These funds will support SV programs in preventing, preparing and responding to COVID-19.</p>	<p>2.75M (Approx.)</p>	<p>RFP will be released spring of 2022</p>
<p><b>FVPSA COVID Supplemental Round 2:</b> These are COVID supplemental FVPSA funds from ARP. The funds will support DV/SV programs to prevent, prepare, and respond to COVID-19 with the intentional focus on increasing access to COVID testing, access to vaccines, and access to health care for survivors to mitigate the spread of virus and increase supports for survivors and their dependents.</p>	<p>5.67M (Approx.)</p>	<p>RFP will be released spring of 2022</p>
<p><b>ARP-COVID &amp; State Shelter Capital Funding:</b> Funding for the modification of shelter space or acquiring new shelter space <i>to prevent the spread of COVID</i>. This funding also is being combined with 2M in shelter capital funding that was allocated during the last legislative session.</p>	<p>15M</p>	<p>RFP closed January 28, 2022. Awards to be announced Spring of 2022.</p>
<p><b>ARP-HOME Investment Partnership Program:</b> This is federal funding through ARP that has been allocated to states, cities, and counties to address housing and non-congregate shelter needs. According to the ARP statute, the funding can focus on affordable housing acquisition, non-congregate shelter acquisition or conversion, housing related supportive services, and tenant rental assistance. Although those are the eligible expenses allowed by the federal statute, each local jurisdiction that received funding can choose to focus only in certain areas.</p>	<p>Approximately 66.5M divided between 7 jurisdictions throughout Minnesota. Amounts vary by jurisdiction. See the following link for distribution information. <a href="#">HOME-ARP.pdf (hud.gov)</a></p>	<p>Each jurisdiction that received funding needs to complete a needs assessment before deciding how they will prioritize and design the funding distribution; <i>they are required to include DV agencies in that assessment to gather feedback about survivors' needs</i>. The federal notice detailing this process was just released and jurisdictions are still sorting through their process. VFMN and OJP and working to proactively advocate with the state regarding allocation of this funding and the need to include VSP and survivor voices. We have also reached out to the cities and counites that received funding and have asked to be updated as their process moves forward so we can relay information to membership. <b>IF YOU ARE POTENTIALLY INTERESTED IN THIS FUNDING PLEASE REACH OUT NOW TO THE CONTACT IN YOUR AREA SO YOU CAN GET UPDATES AND RAISE UP THE NEED FOR FUNDING TO SUPPORT SURVIVORS.</b> If you have questions about this funding please feel free to reach out to Anne Applebaum at <a href="mailto:aapplebaum@vfmn.org">aapplebaum@vfmn.org</a>.</p>
<p><b>ARP Fiscal Recovery Funds to States, Localities, and Tribes:</b> This funding was allocated through ARP to states, tribes, and many local jurisdictions to address general COVID-related needs including, but not limited to, shelter/housing.</p>	<p>Funding varies by City/County. For a list of the local allocations see the <a href="#">Heading Home Alliance website</a> under the "Fiscal Recovery Funds" header.</p>	<p>These funds have been distributed to local jurisdictions. Each jurisdiction is prioritizing them in their own way, and distributing them on their own timeline (some jurisdiction may have already expended funds). Local jurisdictions will have more information.</p>

<p><b>Supplemental Budget-Legislative Session 2022:</b> This is money that can be allocated for a wide array of needs across the states including, but not limited to housing/shelter. VFMN submitted recommendations to the Governor’s office and the state on the need to allocate a portion of this funding to VSPs for direct client assistance as well as housing needs for survivors. We will continue to advocate for those needs throughout the session.</p>	<p>1.5B</p>	<p>How these funds will be distributed is to be determined during the current legislative session.</p> <p>There are currently two DV-related housing proposals, one related to funding transitional housing programs and one related to funding housing first DV programming, which are being proposed and hopefully will be funded through this or other funding sources this session.</p>
<p><b>State Projected Budget Surplus-Legislative Session 2022:</b> As of December 2021, the state is projecting a possible 7.7B surplus. It is unknown at this time how much, and in what way, the surplus money will be allocated during the next legislative session. However, VFMN and others have begun, and will continue, to advocate for funding to support the needs of survivors, including housing-related needs.</p>	<p>Projected 7.7B</p>	<p>How these funds will be distributed is to be determined during the current legislative session.</p> <p>There are currently two DV-related housing proposals, one related to funding transitional housing programs and one related to funding housing first DV programming, which are being proposed and hopefully will be funded through this or other funding sources this session.</p>