

### City of Killeen

### **Agenda**

### **City Council**

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

City Hall Council Chambers 101 N. College Street Killeen, Texas 76541

### SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

### Call to Order and Roll Call

Debbie Nash-King, Mayor	Jessica Gonzalez
Ramon Alvarez	Jose Segarra
Anthony Kendrick	Joseph Solomon
Nina Cobb	Riakos Adams

### **Approval of Agenda**

### **Public Hearings**

1. PH-25-058

Hold a public hearing and inform the public of a comment period from September 22 - November 4, 2025, to receive citizen participation and comments regarding the 2nd Substantial Amendment to the 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan for the reprogramming of CDBG funds, in the amount of \$1,349,445.69.

Attachments: Minutes

**Substantial Amendment** 

**Presentation** 

**2**. PH-25-059

Hold a public hearing and inform the public of a comment period from September 22 - November 4, 2025, to receive citizen participation and comments regarding Substantial Amendment to the HOME-American Rescue Plan (ARP) Allocation Plan reallocating funds from ARP Supportive Services to ARP Tenant Based Rental Assistance. in the amount of \$288,155.15.

Attachments: Minutes

**Substantial Amendment** 

**Presentation** 

### **Adjournment**

I certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the Internet and on the bulletin board at Killeen City Hall on or before 5:00 p.m. on September 9, 2025.

Laura J. Calcote, City Secretary

The public is hereby informed that notices for City of Killeen meetings will no longer distinguish between matters to be discussed in open or closed session of a meeting. This practice is in accordance with rulings by the Texas Attorney General that, under the Texas Open Meetings Act, the City Council may convene a closed session to discuss any matter listed on the agenda, without prior or further notice, if the matter is one that the Open Meetings Act allows to be discussed in a closed session.

This meeting is being conducted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Law [V.T.C.A., Government Code, § 551.001 et seq.]. This meeting is being conducted in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act [42 USC 12101 (1991)]. The facility is wheelchair accessible and handicap parking is available. Requests for sign interpretive services are available upon requests received at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. To make arrangements for those services, please call 254-501-7717, City Secretary's Office, or TDD 1-800-734-2989.

### **Notice of Meetings**

The Mayor and/or City Council have been invited to attend and/or participate in the following meetings/conferences/events. Although a quorum of the members of the City Council may or may not be available to attend this meeting, this notice is being posted to meet the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act and subsequent opinions of the Texas Attorney General's Office. No official action will be taken by Council.

- Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce 92nd Annual Membership Banquet, September 18, 2025, 6:00 p.m., Killeen Civic and Conference Center
- Downtown ROI: Where Vision Meets Value, September 25, 2025, 4:30 p.m., 324 N. Gray St.
- Domestic Violence Awareness Walk, October 4, 2025, 10:00 a.m., Lions Club Park

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### City of Killeen

### **Staff Report**

File Number: PH-25-058

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DATE: September 16, 2025

TO: Kent Cagle, City Manager

FROM: Tiffanie McNair, Executive Director of Community Development

SUBJECT: Hold a public hearing and inform the public of a comment period from

September 22 - November 4, 2025, to receive citizen participation and comments regarding the 2nd Substantial Amendment to the 2024-2025

**Annual Action Plan** 

#### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

On July 15, 2025, staff presented an update to Council on the Reunification Center Project, a city-owned emergency shelter facility. Council provided a Motion of Direction to suspend the project until further notice. Additional direction was given on how to proceed with preservation or reallocation of project funding: Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) funds are to be preserved until a final decision is made to reactivate or terminate the project; and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are to be reallocated to a CDBG eligible project.

As noted in the July 15th presentation, reallocation of CDBG funds requires a Substantial Amendment to the Annual Action Plan (AAP). A substantial amendment occurs when there is a change in the purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries of an activity/project. The 1st Substantial Amendment to AAP 2024-2025 was authorized via Ord. 25-037, which allowed for the reprogramming of previous years HOME funds to Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) activities and removed a counseling requirement for beneficiaries of TBRA.

CDBG grant funds allocated to the Reunification Center Project totaled \$1,399,103.09. A balance of \$1,349,445.69 remains.

The Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) was convened on August 20, 2025, but a quorum was not satisfied to allow a vote on a recommendation to Council. The meeting was rescheduled for August 27, 2025, and a quorum was met. CDAC received a presentation from staff, then voted to recommend substantial amendment to the 2024-2025 AAP reprogramming \$1,349,445.69 in CDBG funds from the Reunification Center Project to the Rosa Hereford Community Center and Senior Wing Improvements Project.

In accordance with the Citizen Participation Plan, City Council shall open a citizen comment period of no less than 30 days to receive community input.

Staff recommends that the citizen comment period for the proposed 2nd Substantial Amendment to the 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan be open from September 22 to November 4, 2025, then hold a final public hearing on November 4, 2025, for Council action on the proposed reprogramming of CDBG funds in the amount of \$1,349,445.69.

### **THE ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

N/A

### Which alternative is recommended? Why?

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### **CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:**

This action conforms to the Fiscal Policy and City of Killeen Citizen Participation Plan.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

What is the amount of the revenue/expenditure in the current fiscal year? For future years?

\$1,349,445.69 in CDBG funds.

Is this a one-time or recurring revenue/expenditure?

One-time.

Is this revenue/expenditure budgeted?

Yes.

210-55124-500-520-412338 \$20,121.73 210-55124-500-520-412538 \$621,611.21 210-55124-500-520-412438 \$707,712.75

If not, where will the money come from?

N/A

Is there a sufficient amount in the budgeted line-item for this revenue/expenditure?

Yes.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

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the 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan be open from September 22 to November 4, 2025, then hold a final public hearing on November 4, 2025, for Council action on the proposed the reprogramming of CDBG funds in the amount of \$1,349,445.69.

### **DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:**

Legal

Finance

### **ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Minutes Substantial Amendment Presentation

#### MINUTES

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
August 27, 2025
Killeen Community Development Training Room
802 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Building E
Killeen, TX 76541

1:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 1:40 PM by Mr. Frederick.

**ROLL CALL**: Committee members present – Mr. Frederick, Ms. Cossey, Ms. Galbreth, Mr. Moss, Ms. Sabree, Ms. Santos, and Ms. Bracey.

Absent: Mary Taylor, Tony Ringgold and LaDonna Barbee. Mr. Frederick announced that Ms. Mary Taylor has resigned from the CDAC Committee effective August 26, 2025.

City Staff present – Tiffanie McNair, Celeste Sierra, Donna Esquenazi and Holli Clements for Mr. Andy Wallander. Note\* Mr. Frederick let the committee know that Ms. Taylor has turned in her resignation effective today.

<u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u>: Mr. Frederick entertained a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Ms. Bracey moved to approve the agenda; motion seconded by Ms. Santos. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES of last meeting from May 14<sup>th</sup> and May 15th</u> Mr. Frederick entertained a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Santos moved to approve the minutes from May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15th, motion seconded by Ms. Bracey. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

### A. Staff briefing on the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and first year FY 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan submission to HUD.

Ms. Sierra gave a presentation with important dates for the Consolidated Plan. Ms. Sierra advised CDAC that the City of Killeen submitted their Con Plan and Annual Action Plan on 08/14/2025, prior to the deadline of 08/16/2025. Ms. Sierra also noted staff is working on corrections and revisions as requested by HUD prior to the final approval of the plan. After the approval of the plan by HUD, the City will receive the funding agreements between the City of Killeen and HUD. Ms. Sierra advised CDAC the next steps will be that staff will be working on the Environmental Review Record for the CDBG and HOME funded activities, subrecipients and City Department training sessions will also take place. Finally, agreements between the City and subrecipients will be executed.

B. Discuss and consider the reprogramming of Community Development Block Grant Program funds in the amount of \$707,712.75 from FY 23-24, \$20,121.73 from FY 22-23 and \$621,611.21 from FY 24-25 for a total of \$1,349,445.69 in allocations from the Community Reunification Center construction project to provide additional funds for the FY 21-22 Senior Wing and Rosa Hereford Community Center Improvements Project and forward recommendation to City Council.

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### C. Discuss and consider the reprogramming of HOME ARP funds in the amount of \$288,155.15 from Supportive Services activities to Tenant-Based Rental Assistance activities and forward recommendation to City Council.

Ms. Sierra gave a briefing on the HOME American Rescue Plan (ARP) Program. The program provides funding to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability for qualifying populations. Funds may be used for developing affordable housing, for tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA), for supportive services, and for acquiring non-congregate shelter units. On January 24, 2023, City Council approved the allocation of HOME-ARP funds of \$111,844.85 to TBRA and \$700,000.00, plus an additional \$1993.00 per correction by HUD in June 2025, to Supportive Services. Additional funding to TBRA will help to assist additional qualifying populations at risk of housing instability.

Ms. Sierra advised CDAC that a public hearing to open the citizen comment period will be held on September 16, 2025, at 5:00 PM. The final public hearing to close the comment period and for City Council to act on the amendments is scheduled for November 5, 2025, at 5:00 PM. Substantial Amendment drafts will be available for citizen comment to allow for input from the community from September 22 through November 4, 2025.

There was a question on clarification of prior year funding and another question on a clarification of Tenant Based Rental Assistance. Mr. Frederick entertained a motion to approve the reprogramming of HOME ARP funds in the amount of \$288,155.15 from Supportive Services activities to Tenant-Based Rental Assistance activities and forward recommendation to City Council. Ms. Sabree moved to approve the motion; motion seconded by Ms. Santos. With no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

### **Discuss Future Agenda Items:**

Mr. Frederick emphasized the importance of CDAC members responding to emails sent by city staff. He noted that timely responses are crucial for determining quorum ahead of CDAC meetings. Additionally, Mr. Frederick reminded the committee that several members are approaching reappointment.

Mr. Sabree inquired about which members are up for reappointment. Ms. Esquenazi responded with the member names: Ms. Taylor (who has resigned), Ms. Santos, Ms. Ringgold, and Ms. Cossey. Ms. Hollie Clements advised that any members with questions regarding their status should contact the City Secretary's Office.

Mr. Sabree also asked whether the CDAC meeting schedule for the upcoming year would be discussed. Mr. Frederick explained that the schedule has not yet been addressed, as timelines for next year remain uncertain. Typically, the CDAC meeting schedule is finalized after the start of the new year.

Ms. McNair wanted to recap to the committee that the Citizens Participation Plan (CPP) was updated on July 15, 2025. She highlighted that one of CDAC's responsibilities under the CPP is to attend at least one Community Planning meeting. This participation helps ensure members gain direct insight into the community's needs and priorities.

<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u> Mr. Frederick entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Cossey motioned to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Donna Esquenazi, CD Grants Program Monitor:	Donna Esquenazi	Digitally signed by Donna Esquenazi Date: 2025.09.08 10:38:46 -05'00'
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# 2nd Substantial Amendment

Annual Action Plan 2024
Community Development Block Grant CDBG) Program

City of Killeen
Department of Community Development
802 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Building E
Killeen, TX 76541
www.killeentexas.gov

In accordance with the Citizen Participation Plan, after a public hearing on September 16, 2025, the City of Killeen issued a public notice published in the Killeen Daily Herald on September 21 to notify the public that a citizen comment and participation period will begin on September 22, 2025 and end on November 4, 2025 to receive comments regarding a Substantial Amendment to the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan reprogramming of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funds.

A public notice announcing the reprogramming and reallocation of funds and the intention to hold two public hearings on September 16, 2025 and November 4, 2025 to receive citizen comment was also published on page A-4 of the August 31, 2025 edition of the Killeen Daily Herald.

The City of Killeen is proposing a Substantial Amendment to the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan reprogramming CDBG funds from the Reunification Center Construction Project in the amount of \$1,349,445.69 to provide additional construction funding to the Rosa Hereford Community Center and Senior Wing Improvements Project. Following is the proposed designated use of the CDBG funds included in the Substantial Amendment.

Activity	Current Allocation	Expended/ Committed	Increase/ Decrease	Proposed Balance
Reunification Center FY 2022	\$ 20,121.73	-	(\$ 20,121.73)	\$ 0.00
Reunification Center FY 2023	\$ 757,370.15	\$ 49,657.40	(\$707,712.75)	\$ 0.00
Reunification Center FY 2024	\$ 621,611.21	-	(\$621,611.21)	\$ 0.00
Rosa Hereford Community Center and Senior Wing Improvements Project	\$ 0.00	<del>-</del>	\$1,349,445.69	\$1,349,445.69
TOTAL	\$1,399,103.09	\$ 49,657.40	-	\$1,349,445.69

Written citizen comments regarding the Substantial Amendment may be submitted by mail to Community Development Department, P.O. Box 1329, Killeen, TX 76540-1329; may be submitted in person to Community Development Department, Killeen Arts and Activities Center, 802 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Building E, downtown Killeen, 76541; or submitted by email at <a href="mailto:cdgrantsmgt@killeentexas.gov">cdgrantsmgt@killeentexas.gov</a> between September 22, 2025 and November 4, 2025. Killeen City Council will act on the amendment after the final public hearing on November 4, 2025. Applicable comments will be submitted to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development with the final Substantial Amendment.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2024-2025 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

- On July 15, 2025, staff presented an update to Council on the Reunification Center Project, a city-owned emergency shelter facility.
- Council provided a Motion of Direction to suspend the project until further notice.
- Additional direction was given on how to proceed with preservation or reallocation of project funding.
  - Capital Improvement Projects (CIP): Hold until final decision is made to reactivate or terminate the project.
  - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): Reallocate funds to a CDBG eligible project.

## Substantial Amendment

- As noted in the July 15<sup>th</sup> presentation, reallocation of CDBG funds requires a Substantial Amendment to the Annual Action Plan (AAP).
- A substantial amendment occurs when there is a change in the purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries of an activity/project.
- □ The 1<sup>st</sup> Substantial Amendment to AAP 2024-2025 was authorized via Ord. 25-037, which allowed for the reprogramming of previous years HOME funds to Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) activities and removed a counseling requirement for beneficiaries of TBRA.

## Substantial Amendment

- CDBG grant funds allocated to the Reunification Center Project totaled \$1,399,103.09.
- Reprogramming the CDBG funds is necessary to maintain compliance with HUD CDBG expenditure regulations.

# CDBG Funding Detail

Program Year	Award Amount	Expend./Commit.	Balance
2022-2023	\$ 20,121.73	-	\$ 20,121.73
2023-2024	\$ <i>757</i> ,370.1 <i>5</i>	\$ 49,657.40	\$ 707,712.75
2024-2025	\$ 621,611.21	-	\$ 621,611.21
TOTAL	\$1,399,103.09	\$ 49,657.40	\$1,349,445.69

# Community Development Advisory Committee

- The Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) was convened on August 20, 2025, but a quorum was not satisfied to allow a vote on a recommendation to Council.
- □ The meeting was rescheduled for August 27, 2025, and a quorum was met.
- CDAC received a presentation from staff, then voted to recommend substantial amendment to the 2024-2025 AAP reprogramming \$1,349,445.69 in CDBG funds from the Reunification Center Project to the Rosa Hereford Community Center and Senior Wing Improvements Project.

### Citizen Comment Period

- Citizen comment allows for additional input from the community on the draft Substantial Amendment.
- □ Citizen comment period is open from September 22 − November 4, 2025.
- Comments may be submitted via:
  - In-person at public hearing (101 N. College St., Killeen, 76541);
  - □ In-writing (802 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Bldg E., Killeen, Texas 76541); or
  - E-mail at <a href="mailto:cdgrantsmgt@killeentexas.gov">cdgrantsmgt@killeentexas.gov</a>.

# Availability of Substantial Amendment Draft

- A copy of the Substantial Amendment Draft will be available for in-person viewing beginning September 22, 2025, at the following city facilities:
  - Killeen City Hall (City Secretary), 101 N. College St.
  - □ Killeen Community Development Department, 802 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Building E
  - □ Killeen Public Libraries, 205 E. Church St., 3000 S. WS Young Dr.
  - □ Lion's Club Park Senior Center, 1700-B E. Stan Schlueter Loop
- □ The draft is also available online: www.killeentexas.gov/289/Community-Development

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- □ Hold a final public Hearing on November 4, 2025, to receive citizen input.
- City Council vote to approve or deny the substantial amendment.
- □ If approved, staff will submit the Substantial Amendment to HUD no later than November 30, 2025.

## Staff Recommendation

□ Staff recommends that the citizen comment period for the proposed 2nd Substantial Amendment to the 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan be open from September 22 to November 4, 2025, then hold a final public hearing on November 4, 2025, for Council action on the proposed the reprogramming of CDBG funds in the amount of \$1,349,445.69.



### City of Killeen

### **Staff Report**

File Number: PH-25-059

Hold a public hearing and inform the public of a comment period from September 22 - November 4, 2025, to receive citizen participation and comments regarding Substantial Amendment to the HOME-American Rescue Plan (ARP) Allocation Plan reallocating funds from ARP Supportive Services to ARP Tenant Based Rental Assistance. in the amount of \$288,155.15.

DATE: September 16, 2025

TO: Kent Cagle, City Manager

FROM: Tiffanie McNair, Executive Director of Community Development

SUBJECT: Hold a public hearing and inform the public of a comment period from

September 22 - November 4, 2025 to receive citizen participation and comments regarding Substantial Amendment to the HOME-American

Rescue Plan (ARP) Allocation Plan

#### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

HOME American Rescue Plan (ARP) Program provides funding to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability. Funds may be used for developing affordable rental housing, tenant-based rental assistance, supportive services, and the development non-congregate shelter units. On January 24, 2023, through Ord. 23-010, Council approved the allocation of HOME-ARP funds in the amount of \$1,778,641.00.

On May 28, 2025, the city received notification from HUD that HUD made "an administrative error in the allocations of the HOME-ARP funds" for the city resulting in an additional \$1,993.00, for a total award amount of \$1,780,634.00. The additional funding did not meet the threshold for Substantial Amendment and was added to the Supportive Services activity via a regular amendment.

The Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) was convened on August 20, 2025, but a quorum was not satisfied to allow a vote on a recommendation to Council. The meeting was rescheduled for August 27, 2025, and a quorum was met. CDAC received a presentation from staff, then voted to recommend substantial amendment to the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan reallocating \$288,155.15 from ARP-Supportive Service to ARP-TBRA.

In accordance with the Citizen Participation Plan, City Council shall open a citizen comment period of no less than 30 days to receive community input.

Staff recommends that the citizen comment period for the proposed Substantial Amendment of the HOME American Rescue Plan (ARP) Allocation Plan be open from September 22 to November 4, 2025, then hold a final public hearing on November 4, 2025, for Council action on the on the

proposed reallocation of HOME-ARP funds in the amount of \$288,155.15.

### **THE ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

N/A

### Which alternative is recommended? Why?

Staff recommends that the citizen comment period for the proposed Substantial Amendment of the HOME American Rescue Plan (ARP) Allocation Plan be open from September 22 to November 4, 2025, then hold a final public hearing on November 4, 2025, for Council action on the proposed reallocation of HOME-ARP funds in the amount of \$288,155.15.

### **CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:**

This action conforms to the Fiscal Policy and City of Killeen Citizen Participation Plan.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

What is the amount of the revenue/expenditure in the current fiscal year? For future years?

288,155.15

Is this a one-time or recurring revenue/expenditure?

One-time

Is this revenue/expenditure budgeted?

Yes.

212-55124-500-520-432235

If not, where will the money come from?

N/A

Is there a sufficient amount in the budgeted line-item for this revenue/expenditure?

Yes.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the citizen comment period for the proposed Substantial Amendment of the HOME American Rescue Plan (ARP) Allocation Plan be open from September 22 to November 4, 2025, then hold a final public hearing on November 4, 2025, for Council action on the proposed reallocation of HOME-ARP funds in the amount of \$288,155.15.

### **DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:**

Finance Legal

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CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 1:40 PM by Mr. Frederick.

**ROLL CALL**: Committee members present – Mr. Frederick, Ms. Cossey, Ms. Galbreth, Mr. Moss, Ms. Sabree, Ms. Santos, and Ms. Bracey.

Absent: Mary Taylor, Tony Ringgold and LaDonna Barbee. Mr. Frederick announced that Ms. Mary Taylor has resigned from the CDAC Committee effective August 26, 2025.

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### **Discuss Future Agenda Items:**

Mr. Frederick emphasized the importance of CDAC members responding to emails sent by city staff. He noted that timely responses are crucial for determining quorum ahead of CDAC meetings. Additionally, Mr. Frederick reminded the committee that several members are approaching reappointment.

Mr. Sabree inquired about which members are up for reappointment. Ms. Esquenazi responded with the member names: Ms. Taylor (who has resigned), Ms. Santos, Ms. Ringgold, and Ms. Cossey. Ms. Hollie Clements advised that any members with questions regarding their status should contact the City Secretary's Office.

Mr. Sabree also asked whether the CDAC meeting schedule for the upcoming year would be discussed. Mr. Frederick explained that the schedule has not yet been addressed, as timelines for next year remain uncertain. Typically, the CDAC meeting schedule is finalized after the start of the new year.

Ms. McNair wanted to recap to the committee that the Citizens Participation Plan (CPP) was updated on July 15, 2025. She highlighted that one of CDAC's responsibilities under the CPP is to attend at least one Community Planning meeting. This participation helps ensure members gain direct insight into the community's needs and priorities.

<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u> Mr. Frederick entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Cossey motioned to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Donna Esquenazi, CD Grants Program Monitor:	Donna Esquenazi	Digitally signed by Donna Esquenazi Date: 2025.09.08 10:38:46 -05'00'
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# **Substantial Amendment**

**HOME American Rescue Plan (ARP) Program** 

City of Killeen
Department of Community Development
802 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Building E
Killeen, TX 76541
www.killeentexas.gov

In accordance with the Citizen Participation Plan, after a public hearing on September 16, 2025, the City of Killeen issued a public notice published in the Killeen Daily Herald on September 21 to notify the public that a citizen comment and participation period will begin on September 22, 2025 and end on November 4, 2025 to receive comments regarding a Substantial Amendment for the reallocation of HOME American Rescue Plan (ARP) Program funding between HOME-ARP activities.

A public notice announcing the reprogramming and reallocation of funds and the intention to hold two public hearings on September 16, 2025 and November 4, 2025 to receive citizen comment was also published on page A-4 of the August 31, 2025 edition of the Killeen Daily Herald.

The City of Killeen is proposing a reallocation of HOME ARP Program funds from Supportive Services activities to Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) activities in the amount of \$288,155.15 to assist qualifying populations at risk of experiencing housing instability. Following is the proposed designated reallocation of HOME ARP Program funds under this Substantial Amendment.

Activity	Current Allocation	Increase/(Decrease	Proposed Allocation
Supportive Services	\$ 701,993.00	(\$288,155.15)	\$ 413,837.85
Non-Congregate Shelter	\$ 500,000.00	-	\$ 500,000.00
Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 200,000.00	-	\$ 200,000.00
Tenant Based Rental Assistance	\$ 111,844.85	\$288,155.15	\$ 400,000.00
Admin. & Planning	\$ 266,796.15	-	\$ 266,796.15
TOTAL	\$1,780,634.00		\$1,780,634.00

Written citizen comments regarding the Substantial Amendment may be submitted by mail to Community Development Department, P.O. Box 1329, Killeen, TX 76540-1329; in person to Community Development Department, Killeen Arts and Activities Center, 802 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Building E, downtown Killeen, 76541; or by email at <a href="mailto:cdgrantsmgt@killeentexas.gov">cdgrantsmgt@killeentexas.gov</a> between September 22, 2025 and November 4, 2025. Killeen City Council will act on the amendment after the final public hearing on November 4, 2025. Applicable comments will be submitted to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development with the final Substantial Amendment.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO
HOME-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN
(ARP) ALLOCATION PLAN

# Background

- HOME American Rescue Plan (ARP) Program provides funding to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability.
- Funds may be used for developing affordable rental housing, tenant-based rental assistance, supportive services, and the development non-congregate shelter units.
- On January 24, 2023, through Ord. 23-010, Council approved the allocation of HOME-ARP funds in the amount of \$1,778,641.00.

# Background

- □ On May 28, 2025, the city received notification from HUD that HUD made "an administrative error in the allocations of the HOME-ARP funds" for the city resulting in an additional \$1,993.00, for a total award amount of \$1,780,634.00.
- The additional funding did not meet the threshold for Substantial Amendment and was added to the Supportive Services activity via a regular amendment.

## Community Development Advisory Committee

- The Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) was convened on August 20, 2025, but a quorum was not satisfied to allow a vote on a recommendation to Council.
- The meeting was rescheduled for August 27, 2025, and a quorum was met.
- CDAC received a presentation from staff, then voted to recommend substantial amendment to the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan reallocating \$288,155.15 from ARP-Supportive Service to ARP-TBRA.

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### Citizen Comment Period

- Citizen comment allows for additional input from the community on the draft Substantial Amendment.
- Citizen comment period is open from September 22 –
   November 4, 2025.
- Comments may be submitted via:
  - In-person at public hearing (101 N. College St., Killeen, 76541);
  - □ In-writing (802 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Bldg E., Killeen, Texas 76541); or
  - E-mail at <a href="mailto:cdgrantsmgt@killeentexas.gov">cdgrantsmgt@killeentexas.gov</a>.

# Availability of Substantial Amendment Draft

- A copy of the Substantial Amendment Draft will be available for in-person viewing beginning September 22, 2025, at the following city facilities:
  - Killeen City Hall (City Secretary), 101 N. College St.
  - □ Killeen Community Development Department, 802 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Building E
  - □ Killeen Public Libraries, 205 E. Church St., 3000 S. WS Young Dr.
  - □ Lion's Club Park Senior Center, 1700-B E. Stan Schlueter Loop
- □ The draft is also available online: www.killeentexas.gov/289/Community-Development

# Next Steps

- □ Hold a final Public Hearing on November 4, 2025, to receive citizen input.
- City Council vote to approve or deny the substantial amendment.
- □ If approved, staff will submit the Substantial Amendment to HUD no later than November 30, 2025.

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□ Staff recommends that the citizen comment period for the proposed Substantial Amendment of the HOME American Rescue Plan (ARP) Allocation Plan be open from September 22 to November 4, 2025, then hold a final public hearing on November 4, 2025, for Council action on the on the proposed reallocation of HOME-ARP funds in the amount of \$288,155.15.