

Approved Minutes of the Maricopa HOME Consortium Public Meeting
April 21, 2022 9:30 am

Consortium Members Present:

Karin Bishop, City of Chandler
Melanie Dykstra, Town of Gilbert
Matt Hess, City of Glendale
Rachel Milne, Chair, Maricopa County
Jaime Gonzalez, City of Peoria
Irma Hollamby, City of Scottsdale
Adam Lane, City of Surprise

Others Present:

Trilese DiLeo, City of Glendale
Jennifer Lauria, Town of Gilbert
Mary Witkofski, City of Scottsdale
Chad Beougher, City of Scottsdale
Carissa Cyr, Maricopa County
Jamie MacFarlane, Maricopa County
Regina Marette, Maricopa County
Alexia Grady, Maricopa County

1. Call to Order

At 9:33 a.m., Rachel Milne, the Chair, called to order the April 21, 2022 Maricopa HOME Consortium Public Meeting, held virtually as a response to COVID-19.

2. Roll Call

Regina Marette called the roll, and a quorum was established.

3. Approval of Minutes (3/17/22)

Rachel Milne called for a motion to approve the minutes of the 03/17/2022 monthly HOME Consortium Public Meeting. Karin Bishop motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Matt Hess. The motion was passed unanimously.

4. Creation of Collaborative Funding Workgroup

Rachel Milne discussed the possible creation of a Collaborative Funding Workgroup among interested Consortium members. She stated that this workgroup would discuss the potential of collaborating HOME Entitlement Funds and that combined funding could include future year allocations. Rachel asked the group if there were any members who would want to work with Maricopa County in a collaborative way by forming said workgroup.

Melanie Dykstra stated that Gilbert would be interested in discussing the options of a workgroup. Karin Bishop asked for an example of outcomes that have resulted from a collaborative workgroup. Rachel and Regina provided examples where HOME-ARP funds will be combined to help fund projects within the Consortium. Regina also mentioned the PY2021 Newtown CHDO project in the Westside as a recent collaborative project between the Cities of Glendale, Peoria, and Surprise—although it is entirely funded with CHDO funds. Karin clarified that she was asking if there were examples of other Consortiums combined funding and their outcomes. Rachel stated that many consortiums are structured such that they only combine funds because they are much smaller than the Maricopa County HOME Consortium and typically are made up of a County and City like the Pima County Consortium consists of only the City of Tucson and Pima County. She stated that one of the outcomes may be to work one year with a specific city to fund a project that would best serve the community. Regina stated she felt the timing of this collaboration option would be excellent because the commitment deadlines for HOME are currently

waived allowing for more time for collaboration. In addition, the sky-rocketing prices for housing and the ability of the smaller jurisdictions to complete a project with very limited funding makes pooling money a good option.

Karin Bishop stated she felt that further discussion on this topic seems like a good idea, and she is interested in learning more. Jaime Gonzales stated the City of Peoria would be open to talking about the options and is open to the discussion on a project-by-project basis. Mary Witkofski also stated that the City of Scottsdale would be open to the discussion. Karin Bishop asked if there would be consideration for a hybrid-type plan. Rachel stated that the workgroup would be a good place to discuss those types of options to present to the Consortium. Regina stated that this workgroup is envisioned as an on-going workgroup spanning multiple future years of funding.

Rachel summarized interested members as Gilbert, Chandler, Peoria, Scottsdale, Surprise and Maricopa County. Rachel stated that Avondale and Tempe, who were not present for this meeting, will be contacted regarding any interest in the workgroup.

5. **Announcements:**

- Maximum HOME Per-Unit Subsidy Limit increased as of 03/17/2022:

Regina gave the following updates to the Consortium. She stated that the new maximum subsidy limits are effective as of 03/17/2022 and it is calculated by bedroom size. She reminded members not to get this limit confused with the HOME Homeownership Value Limits. Regina clarified that the value limit is increasing on 07/01/2022 from \$375,000 to \$476,000. Carissa provided the website link in the chat for the County bulletin board.

Regina notified the members that 7 properties exceeded the maximum subsidy value limit during the CARES Act waiver period. Rachel then stated that the County is allocating non-HUD ARPA funds to supplement some of the current HOME projects affected by the maximum subsidy limit constraints by funding the following non-profit Consortium partners: ARM of Save the Family, Guadalupe CDC, and Newtown CDC.

- Maricopa County: HOME-ARP Allocation Plan submitted on 3/30 and Annual Action Plan Update:

Carissa stated that the HOME-ARP Plan was submitted in IDIS 3/30. She stated the County has gone through a few rounds of updates for the HUD Representative. She informed the members that the County will be submitting the final version today and our HUD Representative will be submitting the plan to San Francisco for review.

Carissa told the members the Action Plan draft is out for public comment. The county's HUD Representative informed us that HUD has until 5/13 to release PY2022 allocations. As in CPD Notice 22-05, once HUD releases allocations, the members have 60 days to submit the Action Plan to HUD.

Carissa then asked if each member would use the roundtable to address their Action Plan timelines, including whether they took their contingency plan to their respective Councils, or if they still need to return to get council approval.

6. Roundtable Consortium Member Discussion

Consortium members gave updates on their timelines as requested by Carissa. Matt Hess from the City of Glendale stated that they pro-rated based their funding allocations based on estimates and they would only need 1 or 2 weeks after allocation is dispersed to submit their Plan. Adam Lane from the City of Surprise stated they would only need about a week. Jaime Gonzalez stated the City of Peoria would likely need only 1 or 2 weeks after receiving allocation. Jennifer Lauria from the Town of Gilbert stated that they would need a week. Mary Witkofski with the City of Scottsdale said a week would be enough time. Karin Bishop stated that they are still in an open comment period with an estimated Council date of June 9th, but they would be able to adjust their timeline if they are an outlier. Carissa stated the County is aiming for 05/18/2022 to submit the final plan to the BOS. Carissa stated at this time, she does not know the timelines for Avondale or Tempe.

7. Call to Public

The public had no comment.

8. Adjournment

There being no other business, the Chair entertained a motion for adjournment by Jaime Gonzalez and seconded by Melanie Dykstra the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexia Grady

Alexia Grady, Recording Secretary