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RE: HOME-ARP Public Comment

1. HOME Tenant Based Rental Assistance

We recommend utilizing a portion of the State's HOME-ARP allocation for TBRA in order to continue the rental assistance of households who are receiving ESG-CV assistance and will not be able to stabilize before the ESG-CV time limitation of September 30, 2022. Those households need continued rental assistance, and some places do not have another source available. Statewide OUR Florida funding is not set to be utilized for this purpose and HOME TBRA could provide that opportunity for those households in need of continued housing stability. These households can be served under **Other Families Requiring Services or Housing Assistance to Prevent Homelessness**.

2. Permanent Supportive Housing

FHFC should utilize a significant portion of the State's HOME-ARP allocation to fund the development of permanent supportive housing. While several populations qualify under HOME-ARP, permanent supportive housing should be set aside for households experiencing homelessness and those with the highest needs. If too broad a population is included, the allocation may not target the groups who need it the most.