



Avenues of Hope American Rescue Plan Act Grant Program

The **Avenues of Hope (AoH) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant Program** provides funding for place-based initiatives that spur commercial corridor revitalization in Pittsburgh's AoH communities.



About Avenues of Hope

The Avenues of Hope initiative is a place-based, people-first approach that promotes Black-owned centers of arts, culture, and business with mixed-use and pedestrian-friendly developments.

The AoH focus areas are Perrysville Avenue, Chartiers Avenue, Centre Avenue, Larimer Avenue, Homewood Avenue, Warrington Avenue/Brownsville Road, and Second Avenue (Irvine Street).

Uses

Funds can be used for revitalization of commercial corridors that were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, to make improvements to vacant and/or abandoned commercial spaces, public infrastructure improvements, and projects that improve health and safety outcomes for the neighborhood, specifically through creation and/or improvement of parks and open spaces.

Grant Amount

Applicants can apply **for up to \$200,000 total in grant funding** for eligible activities. There are two tiers of funding:

- Tier 1 Grants: Provide between \$1 and \$50,000
- Tier 2 Grants: Provide between \$50,000.01 and \$200,000; Applicants will need to show evidence of a 10% investment in their project to receive grant funding awards greater than \$50,000.

Who Can Apply?

This Program is intended to assist nonprofits (including government agencies), business district organizations, community-based organizations, small businesses, and individuals such as business owners, property owners, and partnering private entities that are based in AoH corridors with place-based initiatives that comply with federal requirements.

Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants must be AoH-based nonprofits, community development corporations, business district organizations, small businesses, business and/or property owners, or partnering private entities.
- Owner occupancy is not required. Approval of tenant-initiated projects will be contingent upon the property owner's agreement to adhere to program requirements.
- Projects must be located within one of the seven AoH neighborhood commercial corridors.
- All projects must comply with the Federal ARPA Final Rule (see Program Guidelines on the Program page online for details).

How to Apply

Visit ura.org/pages/avenues-of-hope-arpa. Please read the full program guidelines to determine your eligibility. Click on Program Application to fill out an application form. Applications are considered on a quarterly basis with the following deadlines to apply:

- April 30, 2023
- July 31, 2023
- September 30, 2023
- December 31, 2023

All applications will undergo a community advisory and internal review process.

Learn More About Avenues of Hope



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