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TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings and County Commissioners

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DIVISION: Housing and Community Development Division

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval and execution of HOME ARP Grant Agreement Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act Assistance Listings #14.239 - HOME Investment Partnership Program Grant Number M21-UP120213 between Orange County and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Community Planning and Development. All Districts. (Housing and Community Development Division)

PROJECT: HOME-ARP Grant Agreement, Grant Number M21-UP120213, Amendment #1

PURPOSE: On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan (ARP) was signed into law to provide funding to address the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. To address the need for homelessness assistance and supportive services, a portion of ARP funds was appropriated to be administered through the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program. Orange County, as a recipient of HOME funds, received an allocation of \$10,554,916 to be spent during a period of six years on eligible activities for qualifying populations.

On October 26, 2021, the County executed the HOME-ARP Grant Agreement for the full allocation amount. Additionally, on March 7, 2023, the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was adopted as an amendment to the 2021-2022 One-Year Action Plan. The approved program budget included supportive services (\$1M), tenant-based rental assistance (\$5M), development of affordable housing (\$3M), and program administration.

On May 27, 2025, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) notified the County that an administrative error was discovered in the allocation of the HOME-ARP funds, which resulted in Orange County being allocated less funds than it was legally entitled to receive. The County is now required to amend the HOME-ARP Grant Agreement (Grant Number M21UP120213) for the additional \$15,858 for a grant total of \$10,570,774. The budget period for HOME-ARP funds ends September 30, 2030.

BUDGET: N/A

