

Ordinance No. 16-2022

**By Council Members Hairston and Griffin
(by departmental request)**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE
Authorizing the Director of Community Development to accept reallocated funding from the United States Treasury Department for purposes of continuing the Emergency Rental Assistance program established under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021; and authorizing contracts to implement.

WHEREAS, the Emergency Rental Assistance program was established by Division N of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (“ERA1”) to deliver emergency rental assistance to eligible households suffering unemployment or other financial hardship due to the novel coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, ERA1 funding was allocated to states, the District of Columbia, United States territories, Indian tribes, Tribally designated housing entities, the Department of Hawaiian Homelands, and units of local government (“Grantees”); and

WHEREAS, the ERA1 statute requires the United States Treasury Department to identify excess funds for reallocation from amounts Grantees have not obligated from their initial ERA1 allocations and to begin reallocating those funds in accordance with the statute; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland has received ERA1 funds and is eligible to receive additional reallocated ERA1 funding to continue the Emergency Rental Assistance program to eligible Cleveland residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland’s share of reallocated ERA1 funds received for this program is estimated to be \$2,886,785.49; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland wishes to accept this funding from the United States Treasury Department for purposes of continuing the Emergency Rental Assistance Program and to enter into necessary contracts to assist eligible Cleveland residents; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That the Director of Community Development is authorized to accept ERA1 funding from the United States Treasury Department in the approximate

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amount of \$2,886,785.49, and any other funds that may become available under this program, to continue the Emergency Rental Assistance Program; that the Director is authorized to execute all documents or contracts necessary to receive the funds under this ordinance; and that the funds are appropriated for the purposes described in this ordinance.

Section 2. That the Director of Community Development shall deposit the funds accepted under this ordinance into a fund or funds designated by the Director of Finance.

Section 3. That the Director of Community Development is authorized to expend funds and to enter into one or more contracts with various community development corporations to continue the Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

Section 4. That the cost of the contracts and expenditures authorized in this ordinance shall be paid from funds approved by the Director of Finance.

Section 5. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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1-10-2022

FOR: Interim Director Wackers

