

# Ordinance No. 531-2021

**By Council Members Brancatelli and  
Kelley  
(by departmental request)**

## AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Director of Community Development to accept funding from the United States Treasury Department for purposes of implementing the Emergency Rental Assistance program established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; and authorizing contracts to implement.

WHEREAS, the Emergency Rental Assistance program is established by section 3201 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2 (March 11, 2021) (ERA2); and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland is receiving funding from the United States Treasury Department to implement the Emergency Rental Assistance program to eligible Cleveland residents; and

WHEREAS, the amount of funds received for this program is estimated to be \$16,507,009.20; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland wishes to accept this funding from the United States Treasury Department for purposes of implementing 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 funding from the United States Treasury Department in the approximate amount of \$16,507,009.20, and any other funds that may become available under this program, to implement 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 implement 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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REPORT  
after second Reading

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READ FIRST TIME on JULY 14, 2021

REPORTS

and referred to DIRECTORS of Community Development, Finance, Law;  
COMMITTEES on Development Planning and Sustainability, Finance

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