

INTRODUCED: September 11, 2023

AN ORDINANCE No. 2023-248

To amend Ord. No. 2022-002, adopted Jan. 24, 2022, which appropriated certain American Recovery Plan Act of 2021 funds to the Department of Finance, by transferring \$2,200,000.00 from the Department of Finance’s Healthy Homes (ARPA) program and to amend Ord. No. 2023-071, adopted May 8, 2023, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by creating a new line item entitled “ElderHomes Corporation (project:HOMES) Healthy Homes (ARPA)” in the Non-Departmental agency and by appropriating such \$2,200,000.00 to such new line item in the Non-Departmental agency, all for the purpose of funding the implementation of an emergency substantial housing rehabilitation program.

Patron – Mayor Stoney

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: SEP 25 2023 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That Ordinance No. 2022-002, adopted January 24, 2022, which appropriated certain American Recovery Plan Act of 2021 funds to the Department of Finance, is hereby amended by transferring \$2,200,000.00 from the Department of Finance’s Health Homes (ARPA) program for the purpose of funding the implementation of an emergency substantial housing rehabilitation program.

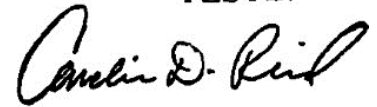
AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: SEP 25 2023 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

§ 2. That Article I, Section 1 of Ordinance No. 2023-071, adopted May 8, 2023, which adopted a General Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, and made appropriations pursuant thereto, is hereby amended by creating a new line item in the Non-Departmental agency entitled “ElderHomes Corporation (project:HOMES) Healthy Homes (ARPA)” and appropriating the funds in the total amount of \$2,200,000.00 transferred pursuant to section 1 of this ordinance to the new line item in the Non-Departmental agency created by this section entitled “ElderHomes Corporation (project:HOMES) Healthy Homes (ARPA)” for the purpose of funding the implementation of an emergency substantial housing rehabilitation program.

§ 3. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

**A TRUE COPY:
TESTE:**



City Clerk



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Internal Notes: This O&R request is to amend Ordinance No. 2021-291 (see **Attachment A**) adopted on October 25, 2021, and to amend Ordinance No. 2023-071 (see **Attachment B**), which adopted the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, to create a new line item in the Non-Departmental agency entitled ARPA - HCD - Substantial Housing Rehabilitation Program and transfer \$2,200,000 of the \$4,200,000 from ARPA - HCD Healthy Homes Program in the Department of Finance and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to develop and execute all documents necessary to do so based on the proposed amendment.

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Attachments: Ord. No -2021-291 ARPA Funds Attachment A, Ord. No - 2023-071 Attachment B

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Introduction Date:

Drafter: Michelle.Peters@rva.gov

Effective Date:

Related Files:

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1	2	8/22/2023	Alecia Blackwell - FYI	Notified - FYI	
1	3	8/23/2023	Sharon Ebert	Approve	8/24/2023
1	4	8/24/2023	Jason May	Delegated	
1	5	8/24/2023	Lauren Kirk	Approve	8/28/2023
1	6	8/24/2023	Sheila White	Approve	8/28/2023
1	7	8/24/2023	Cynthia Osborne - FYI	Notified - FYI	
1	8	8/25/2023	Sabrina Joy-Hogg	Approve	8/28/2023
1	9	8/25/2023	Caitlin Sedano - FYI	Notified - FYI	
1	10	8/25/2023	Lincoln Saunders	Approve	9/5/2023
1	11	9/7/2023	Mayor Stoney (By Request)	Approve	9/5/2023
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1	12	9/7/2023	Mayor Stoney	Approve	9/11/2023

History of Legislative File

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Text of Legislative File Admin-2023-1329

O&R REQUEST

DATE: August 18, 2023 **EDITION:** 1

TO: The Honorable Members of the City Council

THROUGH: The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor

THROUGH: J.E. Lincoln Saunders, Chief Administrative Officer

THROUGH: Sabrina Joy-Hogg, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Finance and Administration

THROUGH: Sheila D. White, Director, Department of Finance

THROUGH: Jason P. May, Director, Department of Budget and Strategic Planning

THROUGH: Sharon L. Ebert, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Economic Development and Planning

FROM: Sherrill Hampton, Director
Department of Housing and Community Development

RE: **Request to Amend Ordinance No. 2021-291, which approved the acceptance of State and Local Recovery - ARPA Funds and outline the uses of those funds and to amend Ordinance No. 2023-71, which adopted the FY23-24 General Fund Budget to Create a New Non-Departmental Line Item for the Implementation of a Substantial Housing Rehabilitation Program under the 1st Tranche ARPA Allocation.**

ORD. OR RES. No.

PURPOSE: This O&R request is to amend Ordinance No. 2021-291 (see **Attachment A**) adopted on October 25, 2021, and to amend Ordinance No. 2023-071 (see **Attachment B**), which adopted the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, to create a new line item in the Non-Departmental agency entitled ARPA - HCD - Substantial Housing Rehabilitation Program and transfer \$2,200,000 of the \$4,200,000 from ARPA - HCD Healthy Homes Program in the Department of Finance and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to develop and execute all documents necessary to do so based on the proposed amendment.

REASON: On October 25, 2021, the City Council approved the appropriation of \$4,200,000 of ARPA funding to the City’s Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for the Healthy Homes Program. The funds are currently held in the City’s Department of Finance’s budget. If

approved, the request would allow for the re-appropriation of \$2,200,000 of the \$4,200,000 awarded to HCD to be directed to project: HOMES and used for a proposed Substantial Housing Rehabilitation Program. The Substantial Housing Rehabilitation activities would allow for more comprehensive owner-occupied housing renovations to be undertaken. The program will be operated City-wide and provide for repairs costing on average \$60,000 per unit to be undertaken. HCD will continue to conduct more moderate home repairs (on average \$35,000-45,000 per unit). This dual track for housing rehabilitation activities will facilitate a more comprehensive approach to the preservation of existing Richmond housing stock occupied by low and very low-income individuals and families.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval of the proposed amendment is recommended.

BACKGROUND:

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law and established the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, which together make up the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (“SLFRF”) program.

Ordinance 2021-291 authorized the Chief Administrative Officer to accept the first tranche of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, H.R. 1319, 117th Cong., 1st Sess. (2021-2022) funds in the amount of \$77,439,914.00 from the United States Department of the Treasury for the purpose of funding the City’s efforts to recover from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in accordance with the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, H.R. 1319, 117th Cong., 1st Sess. (2021-2022).

One of the funded projects listed in Ordinance 2021-291 was the Healthy Homes Program. The Healthy Homes Program is part of a Comprehensive Housing Rehabilitation Initiative to mitigate the negative impacts of COVID-19 on those disproportionately affected, as well as assist with housing stabilization, prevent homelessness, and the displacement of low and very low-income residents. Ultimately, it will help preserve the existing housing stock, especially those homes occupied by low and very low-income residents.

The proposed substantial housing rehabilitation activity would provide assistance at an average cost of \$60,000 per unit and will be available Citywide. The program is open to City of Richmond residents who own their homes and it serves as their primary residence.

FISCAL IMPACT/COST: No additional cost to the City.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no adverse fiscal implications based on the proposed amendment. The proposed amendment allows for the timely utilization of the ARPA funds and allows for more substandard homes occupied by low and very low-income individuals and families to be addressed.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY: Yes

REVENUE TO CITY: No new revenue to the City. The City already collects property taxes on the proposed units.

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Adoption

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: September 11, 2023

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: September 25, 2023

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent Agenda

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Land Use, Housing and Transportation

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: None

AFFECTED AGENCIES: Housing and Community Development; Budget and Strategic Planning; and the Finance Department

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.: 2023-71 and 2021-291

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S): If approved, there are no required changes to HCD's work plans as project administration and delivery is currently underway.

ATTACHMENTS: Attachment A - Ordinance No. 2021-291 and Attachment B - Ordinance No. 2023 - 71.

STAFF: Sherrill Hampton, HCD Director - (804) 646-6822 and Merrick Malone, Senior Manager - Housing Finance & Development - (804) 646-7426