

INTRODUCED: October 12, 2015

AN ORDINANCE No. 2015-221-215

To amend Ord. No. 2015-73-84, adopted May 15, 2015, which adopts the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 General Fund Budget and makes appropriations pursuant thereto, by transferring \$200,000 from the Department of Economic and Community Development agency and appropriating this \$200,000 to a new line item in the Non-Departmental agency for the purpose of making a grant to the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority to assist with the long-term redevelopment of the Creighton Court community.

Patron – Mayor Jones

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: NOV 9 2015 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That Ordinance No. 2015-73-84, adopted May 15, 2015, which adopts the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, and makes appropriations pursuant thereto, is hereby amended by transferring funds in the amount of \$200,000 from the Department of Economic and Community Development agency and appropriating funds in the amount of \$200,000 to a new line item in the Non-Departmental agency for the purpose of making a grant to the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing

AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: NOV 9 2015 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

Authority to assist with the long-term redevelopment of the Creighton Court community, provided that this appropriation shall be conditioned on the execution by the Chief Administrative Officer and the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority of an agreement, approved as to form by the City Attorney, to ensure that such appropriated funds are used for the purpose set forth in this ordinance.

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



CITY OF RICHMOND
INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

O & R REQUEST

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Chief Administration Office
City of Richmond

O&R REQUEST

DATE: October 5, 2015

EDITION: 1

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

RECEIVED

THROUGH: Dwight C. Jones, Mayor *DW*

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THROUGH: Selena Cuffee-Glenn, Chief Administrative Officer

OFFICE OF CITY ATTORNEY *SC*

THROUGH: Peter Lee Downey, Interim Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Economic Development and Planning *PLD*

THROUGH: Jay Brown, Director, Department of Budget & Strategic Planning *JAB*

FROM: Douglas Dunlap, Interim Director, Department of Economic and Community Development *DD for Doug Dunlap*

RE: AMENDMENT OF THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 TO TRANSFER \$200,000 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC and COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO NON-DEPARTMENTAL AGENCY RICHMOND REVELOPMENT and HOUSING AUTHORITY.

ORD. OR RES. No. _____

PURPOSE: To amend the City's General Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015, and made appropriations thereto, to transfer funds in the amount of \$200,000 from the Department of Economic and Community Development's (ECD) general fund to Non-Departmental funds and thereby increasing the amount appropriated to Non-Departmental by \$200,000 for a Non-Departmental Grant to Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA).

REASON: To allow RRHA to receive the \$200,000 non-departmental award to assist with the East End transformation process involving the long-term redevelopment of the Creighton Court community.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval is requested by the Administration.

BACKGROUND: As part of the City's comprehensive poverty reduction initiative, the City of Richmond is collaborating with Richmond Redevelopment & Housing Authority on the process to transform Creighton Court, a 504 unit public housing community, into a mixed-income community through a process that assures that all redeveloped units are replaced by public housing equivalent units and that all current residents have their housing needs met. Creighton Court is one of the poorest neighborhoods in Virginia, with a poverty rate of 66% in the surrounding census tract. This redevelopment process aims to improve the quality of housing and neighborhood environment available to Creighton residents and attract new investment to the East End, benefiting all neighborhood residents. A transformation process on this scale requires extensive community outreach and mobilization of community residents to prepare the community for these changes, as well as a comprehensive transition plan to support the community as a whole and individual households. Developing a comprehensive "people plan" is also a required component of the federal Choice Neighborhoods grant program, for which the City and RRHA together will apply. City staff, via the Mayor's Office of Community Wealth Building and the Department of Economic and Community Development, are working closely with RRHA and with community organizations and residents on the development of this plan. The requested funds will allow RRHA to invest in neighborhood engagement, the hiring of a family transition coordinator, and related community engagement and professional services in support of Richmond's Choice Neighborhood application. These funds were appropriated to Economic and Community Development as part of the Maggie L. Walker Initiative for Expanding Opportunity and Fighting Poverty, but were encumbered at the end of the fiscal year in order to advance this major component of the City's anti-poverty initiative.

FISCAL IMPACT / COST: There will be no additional cost of General Funds this fiscal year beyond the ECD budget transfer of \$200,000 to Non-Departmental Fund for Richmond Redevelopment & Housing Authority.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: None.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY: Yes, to transfer the \$200,000 of General Funds from Economic and Community Development to Non-Departmental for a grant to RRHA

REVENUE TO CITY: .

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon adoption.

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: October 12, 2015

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: November 9, 2015

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Finance and Economic Development

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: None

AFFECTED AGENCIES: Finance, Budget and Strategic Planning and Economic and Community Development

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.:

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S): None

ATTACHMENTS:

STAFF: Douglas Dunlap, Economic and Community Development; Thad Williamson, Mayor's Office of Community Wealth Building



CITY OF RICHMOND
INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

Memorandum

To: Selena Cuffee-Glenn

From: Douglas Dunlap

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Date: October 5, 2015

Re: Emergency Request for Introduction

I am hereby making an Emergency Request for introduction at the October 12 Council meeting of an ordinance amending the FY 2015 budget, for the purpose of authorizing the City to increase the nondepartmental grant to the Richmond Redevelopment & Housing Authority by \$200,000. These funds were appropriated to the Department of Economic and Community Development as part of the Maggie L. Walker Initiative to be used for poverty reduction purposes, but were encumbered for use in the East End Transformation process (Creighton Court), a major policy priority and major component of the City's anti-poverty initiative.

We received clarification from the City Attorney's office last week that a budget amendment would be required to move forward with a new nondepartmental grant for RRHA. There is real urgency attached to this request given RRHA's plans to apply for the federal Choice Neighborhoods Grant in early 2016, a potential award of \$20-30 million that would be instrumental in bringing the project to fruition. The \$200,000 in question is needed as soon as possible to begin the process of providing strong support to Creighton residents in the transition process, strengthening resident engagement in preparation for the Choice application, and to obtain professional help in preparing the Choice Neighborhood Grant application. The timing of this funding will thus have a material impact on a major policy priority.

Thank you for consideration of this request.

[X] Approved

[] Not Approved

Handwritten signature of Selena Cuffee-Glenn
Chief Administrative Officer

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