

INTRODUCED: May 26, 2020

A RESOLUTION No. 2020-R039

To request that the Mayor introduce such budget amendments to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 General Fund Budget as may be necessary to restore funding for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and the Eviction Diversion Program to the amounts proposed in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 General Fund Budget introduced on March 6, 2020, in the event that City revenues exceed current projections for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

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Patron – Ms. Robertson

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Approved as to form and legality  
by the City Attorney  
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PUBLIC HEARING: JUN 22 2020 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, the Mayor introduced a proposed General Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, which appropriated \$3,500,000 for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and \$686,480 for the Eviction Diversion Program; and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2020, in response to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mayor introduced an amended General Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, which reflected reduced appropriations to

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the Affordable Housing Trust Fund from \$3,500,000 to \$2,900,000 and reduced appropriations to the Eviction Diversion Program from \$686,480 to \$485,140; and

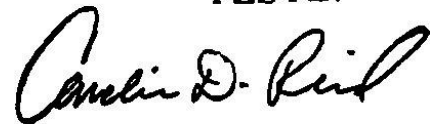
WHEREAS, the Council believes that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Richmond that the Council request that the Mayor introduce such budget amendments as may be necessary to restore funding for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and Eviction Diversion Program to the amounts proposed in the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, introduced on March 6, 2020, in the event that City revenues exceed current projections for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

That the Council hereby requests that the Mayor introduce such budget amendments as may be necessary to restore funding for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and Eviction Diversion Program to the amounts proposed in the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, introduced on March 6, 2020, in the event that City revenues exceed current projections for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carolin D. Reed". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**City Clerk**



# Richmond City Council

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Richmond, Virginia

## Office of the Council Chief of Staff

### Ordinance/Resolution Request

**TO** Haskell Brown, Interim Richmond City Attorney  
Richmond Office of the City Attorney

**THROUGH** Lawrence R. Anderson  
Council Chief of Staff

**FROM** Samson Anderson, Council Budget Analyst

**COPY** Ellen F. Robertson, 6<sup>th</sup> District Representative  
Tavares M. Floyd, 6<sup>th</sup> District Liaison  
Meghan K. Brown, Deputy Chief of Staff

**DATE** May 7, 2020

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**TITLE** Allocation of Potential FY 2021 Funds Toward AHFT and Eviction Diversion

**RECEIVED**

By Elyse Steele at 3:11 pm, May 08, 2020

This is a request for the drafting of an **Ordinance**  **Resolution**

**REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON**

Ellen F. Robertson, 6<sup>th</sup> District  
Representative

**SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE**

Finance & Economic Development

**ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY**

The Patron requests that in the event City revenues exceed current expectations for FY 2021, the funding for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF) and Eviction Diversion Program (EDP) be returned to the levels in the Mayor's original FY 2021 budget proposed on March 6, 2020.

In order to return the allocations back to the levels in the budget proposed on March 6, 2020, \$600,000 will be needed for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and \$200,000 for the Eviction Diversion Program.

The Patron is sponsoring this paper at the request of Richmonders Involved to Strengthen our Communities (RISC).

**BACKGROUND**

**Summary:**

On March 6, 2020 the Mayor presented his proposed FY 2021 budget. On April 13, 2020 the Mayor presented his amended budget following the COVID-19 pandemic reaching Virginia, the imposed social isolation, and the required closure of various businesses. The amended budget took into consideration updated revenue estimates.

Below is a table showing the proposed funding of AHTF and EDP in the original proposed FY 2021 budget on March 6, 2020 and the amended proposed budget on April 13, 2020.

	March 6, 2020	April 16, 2020	Difference
AHTF	\$3,500,000	\$2,900,000	(\$600,000)
EDP	\$686,480	\$485,140	(\$201,340)

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Fiscal Impact Yes  No

Budget Amendment Required Yes  No

**Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact:**

This specific resolution does not have a fiscal impact; however, in the event revenues exceed their current projection those funds are being requested to restore the funding in the AHTF and EDP.

Attachment/s Yes  No

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**Subject:** RE: O&R Request A Resolution for Potential Funding  
**Date:** Friday, May 8, 2020 3:39:40 PM

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By way of this email I am approving the O&R.

Thank you,

Meghan K. Brown  
Deputy Council Chief of Staff  
Office of the Chief of Staff  
RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

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**From:** Anderson, Samson F. - Council Chief of Staff  
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**Subject:** O&R Request A Resolution for Potential Funding

All,

Attached is an O&R request from Councilwoman Robertson concerning the funding of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and the Eviction Diversion Program.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

Samson Anderson  
Council Budget Analyst  
RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL  
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