

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. JO-084-2022

A JOINT EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL AND THE LAFAYETTE PARISH COUNCIL AMENDING THE FY 22/23 OPERATING BUDGET OF THE LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT BY INCREASING REVENUES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,800,000 IN EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ERAP) FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO SMILE COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY AND CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF ACADIANA

BE IT ORDAINED by the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council, that:

WHEREAS, the Governor of Louisiana and the Lafayette Mayor-President have both issued emergency declarations due to the outbreak of a respiratory disease named “SARS-CoV-2” or “COVID-19,” which declarations are still in effect; and

WHEREAS, in order to contain the outbreak of COVID-19, a necessary component of the emergency declarations and related orders of the Governor of Louisiana and the Lafayette Mayor-President has been the closure of businesses and public places, the requirement of social distancing, and severe limitations upon the operations of businesses, all of which have caused serious damage to the local economy and the loss of jobs; and

WHEREAS, the impact of the loss of jobs due to the foregoing is particularly acute among low- and moderate-income individuals, who are least likely to be able to withstand a sustained period of unemployment; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned unemployed low- and moderate-income individuals are in danger of facing housing eviction and utility shut-off due to their sudden loss of income and inability to remain current on their related financial obligations; and

WHEREAS, the circumstances described herein constitute a public emergency affecting life, health, property, public safety, or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-14 of the Home Rule Charter of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government allows for the passage of an emergency ordinance addressing a public emergency affecting life, health, property or public safety; and

WHEREAS, Section 5-04(C) of the Home Rule Charter of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government allows for the making of emergency appropriations in order to meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property or public peace; and

WHEREAS, in order to meet, address, and appropriately respond to the public emergency described herein, it is necessary that an emergency ordinance be adopted for the purposes described herein; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of the Treasury has appropriated funding to Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government as part of the Federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program, established by Section 3201(a) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2 (March 11, 2021); and

WHEREAS, in order to disseminate rental assistance funds quickly and efficiently, Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government has partnered with Catholic Charities of Acadiana (CCA) and SMILE Community Action Agency (SMILE) as pass-through subrecipients.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council, that:

SECTION 1: All of the aforescribed "Whereas" clauses are adopted as part of this ordinance.

SECTION 2: The FY 22/23 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government is hereby amended by increasing revenues in the amount of \$4,800,000, received from the U.S. Department of the Treasury under the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, and appropriating funds within the Community Development and Planning Department.

SECTION 3: The FY 22/23 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government is hereby further amended by transferring \$1,300,000 to Catholic Charities of Acadiana and \$3,500,000 to SMILE Community Action Agency within the Community Development and Planning Department for the purpose of administering the Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

SECTION 4: The Lafayette Mayor-President, or his designee, is hereby authorized to amend the operating budget within the grant period by transferring any unexpended appropriated balances into or out of salaries and benefits line items and all other expense line items in order to expend the total award amount in accordance with federal regulations.

SECTION 5: The Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council do hereby authorize the Lafayette Mayor-President, or his designee, to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests, memoranda of understanding and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

SECTION 6: This transfer of funds shall be as reflected in any pertinent documents which are attached hereto and made a part hereof and filed in the Office of the Lafayette Clerk of the Council.

SECTION 7: All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 8: After first having been adopted by a majority of the authorized membership of both the Lafayette Parish Council and the Lafayette City Council, this joint ordinance shall become effective upon signature of this joint ordinance by the Lafayette Mayor-President, the elapse of 12 hours after receipt by the Lafayette Mayor-President without signature or veto, or upon override of a veto, whichever occurs first.

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Shane Rougeau

From: Haley.Adams@treasury.gov
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2022 5:01 PM
To: Shane Rougeau; MayorPresidentsOffice
Subject: ERA2 Voluntary Reallocation Approval - Lafayette City Parish

**** **EXTERNAL EMAIL** ****

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Dear ERA2 Recipient:

The U.S. Department of the Treasury ("Treasury") issued Reallocation Guidance for the Emergency Rental Assistance program under the American Recovery Program (ERA2), on March 30, 2022, and updated this Guidance on June 28, 2022. Your jurisdiction requested to receive funds being reallocated by another grantee in your state. This letter is to notify you that Treasury approved your request.

Please note that if you requested reallocated funds in excess of the amount that the transferring entity in your state has agreed to transfer or in excess of what is reasonable based on your previous expenditure rates, Treasury will reduce the transfer amount accordingly.

If you have any questions concerning this letter or ERA2 reallocation, please contact us at emergencyrentalassistance@treasury.gov with "ERA2 [your ERA2 number] --Voluntary Reallocation Query" in the subject line.

Sincerely,

Haley Adams
U.S. Treasury
Policy Advisor

Jenny A. Dubose

From: Gina Campo <Gina.Campo@la.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2022 10:13 AM
To: Shane Rougeau
Cc: Desireé Honoré Thomas; Jeff Haley; Jackson Wright; Danielle Gardner; Erin Sindelar (DOA); Ginger Moses; Brenda Evans; Jenny A. Dubose; Mary Elair; Mary Sliman
Subject: RE: Reallocation Request

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Shane

We are preparing to make reallocation requests in the Treasury portal per the instructions sent to grantees on July 5th. Based on our current calculations, the state is looking to request reallocation to Lafayette in the amount of \$4,800,000.

If Lafayette is in agreement as to this reallocation request, we will institute the request prior to July 22nd.

Gina Campo
Deputy Executive Officer
Louisiana Office of Community Development
O: 225.342.1854 | gina.campo@la.gov



From: Shane Rougeau <srougeau@LafayetteLA.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 5:24 PM
To: Gina Campo <Gina.Campo@la.gov>
Cc: Desireé Honoré Thomas <Desiree.Thomas@LA.GOV>; Jeff Haley <Jeff.Haley@la.gov>; Jackson Wright <Jackson.Wright@la.gov>; Danielle Gardner <Danielle.Gardner@LA.GOV>; Erin Sindelar (DOA) <Erin.Sindelar@la.gov>; Ginger Moses <Ginger.Moses@la.gov>; Brenda Evans <bevans@lhc.la.gov>; Jenny A. Dubose <jadubose@LafayetteLA.gov>; Mary Elair <mclair@LafayetteLA.gov>; Mary Sliman <msliman@LafayetteLA.gov>
Subject: RE: Reallocation Request

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Good Afternoon Gina,
I'd like to follow up with you on the State's reallocation plan for ERAP-2 funds.





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Lafayette Consolidated Government
Chief Administrative Officer

Internal Memorandum

Community Development & Planning Department
Office of the Director (9041)

TO: Cydra Wingerter
THRU: Lorrie Toups  Spencer Lormand  K
FROM: Mary Sliman

DATE

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SUBJECT: Agenda Item: Joint Emergency Ordinance
U.S. Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)

Attached is an emergency ordinance and corresponding budgetary revision reflecting an increase in revenue in the amount of \$4,800,000 received from the U.S. Department of the Treasury for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). LCG has partnered with SMILE Community Action Agency and Catholic Charities of Acadiana to implement the Lafayette Emergency Rental Assistance Program (LEAP), and since April 2021 the two agencies have distributed over \$20 million in rental assistance to Lafayette Parish residents. The agencies' current ERAP funding is running low, and these funds received via reallocation will be distributed to SMILE and Catholic Charities so they can continue the LEAP program with a minimal lapse in services. This emergency ordinance is accompanied by a permanent ordinance for ratification.

If the proposed ordinance and funding recommendations meet with your approval, please forward for City Council and Parish Council consideration on November 1, 2022.

Sincerely,



Mary Sliman
Director

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Lafayette Consolidated Government
Finance & Management/CFO

LAFAYETTE JOINT COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL FORM

1) **JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:** An emergency ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY22/23 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by increasing revenues in the amount of \$4,800,000 in Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) funds received from the U.S. Department of the Treasury and appropriating funds within the Community Development and Planning Department to SMILE Community Action Agency and Catholic Charities of Acadiana

2) **ACTION REQUESTED:** Adoption of ordinance

3) **COUNCIL DISTRICT(S) (if applicable):** _____

4) **REQUESTED ACTION OF COUNCIL:**

A) **INTRODUCTION:** November 1, 2022

B) **FINAL ADOPTION:** November 1, 2022

5) **DOCUMENTATION INCLUDED WITH THIS REQUEST:**

A) Cover Memo from Director (1 page)

B) Submittal Item Justification Form (1 page)

C) Ordinance (3 pages)

D) Budget Revision (1 page)

E) Backup Documentation (2 pages)

6) **FISCAL IMPACT:**

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Recognition of \$4,800,000 in ERAP revenue

 No Fiscal Impact

RECOMMENDED BY:

Mary M. Slemmon

DIRECTOR

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

Cydra Wingerter

CYDRA WINGERTER
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

DISPOSITION OF EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. JO-084-2022

1. Emergency disposition by **Parish Council**:

November 1, 2022

YEAS: Tabor, K. Naquin,
Carlson, Guilbeau, Rubin

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Emergency disposition by **City Council**:

November 1, 2022

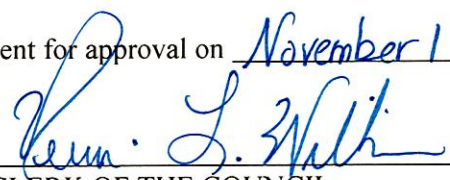
YEAS: Lewis, A. Naquin,
Hebert, Cook, Lazard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

2. This ordinance was presented to the Mayor-President for approval on November 1, 2022, at 5:35 o'clock P.m.


CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

3. Disposition by Mayor-President:

I hereby:

A. Approve this ordinance, the 01 day of NOVEMBER, 2022, at 5:35 o'clock P.m.

B. Veto this ordinance, the _____ day of _____, 2022, at _____ o'clock _____.m., veto message is attached.

C. Line item veto certain items this _____ day of _____, 2022, at _____ o'clock _____.m., veto message is attached.


MAYOR-PRESIDENT

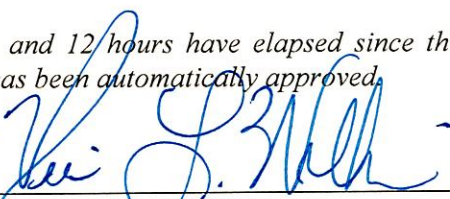
4. Returned to Council Office with/without veto message on November 1, 2022, at 5:37 o'clock P.m.

5. Reconsideration by Council (if vetoed):

On _____, 2022, the Council did/refused to adopt this ordinance after the Mayor-President's veto.

6. Returned to the Council Office without signature of Mayor-President (*unsigned*) on _____, 2022, at _____ o'clock _____.m.

If not signed or vetoed by the Mayor-President, and 12 hours have elapsed since this ordinance was presented to him for action, same has been automatically approved.


CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

7. Full publication of this ordinance was made in the Advertiser on November 4, 2022.

