

ORDINANCE NO. JO-041-2024

A JOINT ORDINANCE OF THE LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL AND THE LAFAYETTE PARISH COUNCIL AMENDING THE FY 23/24 OPERATING BUDGET OF THE LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT BY INCREASING REVENUES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,251,381 IN HOME AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT, AND ALLOCATING FUNDS TO VARIOUS NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

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

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), in accordance with the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, has approved an allocation of HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Program funds to Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government in the amount of \$2,251,381; and

WHEREAS, HUD has stipulated that HOME-ARP funds are to be used only for certain eligible activities to assist Lafayette residents who are experiencing homelessness, are in danger of becoming homeless, or are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development and Planning Department has solicited funding applications from non-profit organizations and made award recommendations based on their presentation of eligible project activities and capacity to enact those activities; and

WHEREAS, available HOME-ARP funding that was not recommended for award will again be made available to non-profit organizations next year and future years, upon their submission and recommendation for approval of applications for eligible HOME-ARP activities, until the entire HOME-ARP grant is allocated and expended.

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 23/24 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government is hereby amended by increasing revenues in the amount of \$2,251,381 in HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Program funds, received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and appropriating funds within the Community Development and Planning Department.

SECTION 3: Funding in the amount of \$289,800 will be made available to Acadiana Regional Coalition for Homelessness and Housing (ARCH) for the HoldFast: Housing Stability program, \$800,000 will be made available to Acadiana Outreach Center to build a non-congregate shelter for homeless families, and \$290,000 will be made available to Catholic

Charities of Acadiana for Case Workers assisting homeless persons. The remaining \$871,581 will be made available at a later date to non-profit organizations for future eligible activities.

SECTION 4: The Lafayette Mayor-President, or her 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 the HOME-ARP regulations.

SECTION 5: All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6: After first having been adopted by a majority of the authorized membership of the Lafayette Parish Council and Lafayette City Council, this joint ordinance shall become effective upon signature of this joint ordinance by the Lafayette Mayor-President, the elapse of ten (10) days after receipt by the Lafayette Mayor-President without signature or veto, or upon override of a veto, whichever occurs first.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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OFFICE OF COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

September 22, 2021

Mary Sliman, Director
Community Development Department
Lafayette Consolidated Government
P.O. Box 4017-C
Lafayette, LA 70502

Dear Ms. Sliman:

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 appropriated \$5 billion to provide housing, services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homeless and other vulnerable populations, to be allocated by formula to jurisdictions that qualified for HOME Investment Partnerships Program allocations in Fiscal Year 2021. On September 13, 2021, the Department published a notice, titled: *Requirements for the Use of Funds in the HOME-American Rescue Plan Program* (the Notice), which you are encouraged to review to assist in developing your program. Enclosed is the Grant Agreement for the HOME Investment Partnerships – America Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) program:

In accordance with the Notice, and the HOME ARP Grant Agreement, a Participating Jurisdiction (PJ), as of the Federal Award Date, may use up to five percent of its total award for administrative and planning costs. Once your HOME-ARP Allocation Plan is approved by HUD, the remaining award will be made available.

**HOME Investment Partnerships - American Rescue Plan
(HOME-ARP)**

\$ 2,251,381

Transmittal of this Grant Agreement does not constitute approval of the activities described in your HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. You are reminded that you, as the PJ, are responsible for ensuring that all grant funds are used in accordance with all program requirements. An executed Grant Agreement is a legally binding agreement between the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the City of Lafayette.

To establish a Line of Credit for the HOME-ARP award, it will be necessary for your agency to sign, execute and return one (1) copy of the Grant Agreement. If there is a need to add or remove individuals authorized to access the Integrated Disbursement Information System (IDIS), please submit an IDIS Online Access Request Form (HUD 27055). Also, please ensure the IDIS Online Access Request Form is notarized and returned to this office with your Grant Agreement. Additionally, if there is a need to establish or change the depository account where these funds are to be wired, a Direct Deposit Sign-Up form (SF-1199A) must be completed by your financial institution and returned to this office with a copy of a voided check.

You are reminded that certain activities are subject to the provisions of 24 CFR Part 58 (Environmental Review Procedures). Funds for such activities may not be obligated or expended until HUD has approved the release of funds in writing. A request for release of funds (RROF) must be accompanied by an environmental certification, and until the RROF is approved and notification is received, no HUD funds should be committed. If the project or activity is exempt per 24 CFR 58.34 or categorically excluded (except in extraordinary circumstances), no RROF is required.

Please execute two (2) copies of the HOME-ARP Grant Agreement with electronic signatures. In response to COVID-19, HUD authorizes you to electronically execute the grant agreement with your electronic signature. Return one (1) of the agreements to this office to the attention of CPD General Correspondence Mailbox, at CPD_GeneralCorr-NO@hud.gov. Maintain a copy of the agreement with your original signature on site in your program files.

HUD congratulates the City of Lafayette on its grant award, and we look forward to assisting you in accomplishing your program goals. If you have any questions or need further information or assistance, please contact Denise L. DeLay, Sr. CPD Representative at denise.l.delay@hud.gov.

Sincerely,



Cheryl S. Breaux, Director
Office of Community Planning and
Development

Enclosures






Internal Memorandum

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

TO: Rachel Godeaux

DATE: June 17, 2024

THRU: Karen Fontenot  Spencer Lormand  Denise Deville 

FROM: Tammy Luke

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item: Joint Ordinance**
HOME American Rescue Plan Fund

Attached is an ordinance recognizing the revenue of \$2,251,381 in HOME-ARP funds. The funds must be appropriated to non-profit organizations with the specific purpose of assisting residents experiencing homelessness, those who are at risk of homelessness, and residents who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence. CDP recommends awards of \$289,800 to ARCH, \$800,000 to Acadiana Outreach Center, and \$290,000 to Catholic Charities of Acadiana. The remaining \$871,581 will be made available next year to non-profits for future eligible activities.

If the proposed ordinance meets with your approval, please place it on the Joint Council agenda for introduction on July 16, 2024, with final adoption consideration on August 6, 2024.

Sincerely,



Tammy Luke
Director

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Attachments

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Lafayette Consolidated Government
Chief Administrative Office

LAFAYETTE JOINT COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL FORM

1) JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST: A joint ordinance of the Lafayette City Council and the Lafayette Parish Council amending the FY 23/24 operating budget of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government by increasing revenues in the amount of \$2,251,381 in HOME American Rescue Plan Funds received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, appropriating funds within the Community Development and Planning Department, and allocating funds to various non-profit organizations

2) ACTION REQUESTED: Adoption of ordinance

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

4) REQUESTED ACTION OF COUNCIL:

A) INTRODUCTION: July 16, 2024

B) FINAL ADOPTION: August 6, 2024

5) DOCUMENTATION INCLUDED WITH THIS REQUEST:

A) Memo (1 page)

B) Submittal Item Justification Form (1 page)

C) Ordinance (2 pages)

D) Budget Revision (1 page)

E) HUD Award Letter (2 pages)

6) FISCAL IMPACT:

Fiscal Impact
To recognize \$2,251,381 in HOME-ARP funds.

No Fiscal Impact

RECOMMENDED BY:


TAMMY LUKE
DIRECTOR

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:


RACHEL GODEAUX
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER