

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2024-426

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor

Date of Introduction: May 28, 2024

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F

Date of Analysis: May 29, 2024

Type of Action: Expansion of grant fund uses and designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: This bill expands approved uses for the appropriation made through Ordinance 2023-148-E so that the funds may be used for all lawful uses as set forth in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 and the guidance provided by the U.S. Department of the Treasury. The Social Services Division of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department, and the Housing and Community Development Division of the Neighborhoods Department shall continue to oversee the administration and distribution of their respective allocations of ERA2 Funds.

Background Information: Ordinance 2023-148-E included an appropriation of \$6,374,458.34 of additional Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERA2 Program) grant funds for emergency rent and utility assistance to eligible households on a short-term basis to prevent evictions and homelessness. This bill expands upon that to include broader eligible affordable rental housing purposes through September 30, 2025. The expanded fund purpose includes: payment of rent, rent arrears, utilities and home energy costs, utilities and home energy costs arrears, affordable rental housing purposes and other expenses related to housing incurred by eligible households due, directly or indirectly, to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Policy Impact Area: ERA2 Program - affordable rental housing

Fiscal Impact: Emergency Rental Assistance Program grant funds previously appropriated through 2023-148-E, no City match required

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