

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2023-148

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council President at the request of the Mayor and Council Member Clark-Murray

Date of Introduction: February 28, 2023

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, F, TEU

Date of Analysis: March 2, 2023

Type of Action: Appropriation; designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: The bill appropriates \$6,374,458.34 of additional Emergency Rental Assistance Program (round two) (the “ERA2 Program”) grant funds, made available to the City through a reallocation of ERA2 Program grant funds by the U.S. Department of the Treasury to the Housing and Community Development Division of the Neighborhoods Department (\$4,374,458.34) and the Social Services Division of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services (\$2,000,000) for the provision of emergency rent and utility assistance to eligible households. The Social Services Division and Housing and Community Development Division are designated as the City’s oversight agencies for management of the funds.

Background Information: The Act provides that ERA2 Funds may be used for payment of rent, rent arrears, utilities and home energy costs, utilities and home energy costs arrears, and other expenses related to housing incurred by eligible households due, directly or indirectly, to the COVID-19 pandemic, between March 13, 2020 through September 30, 2025. Rent and utilities assistance to eligible households may be for a period not to exceed 18 months.

Policy Impact Area: COVID-related rent and utility assistance

Fiscal Impact: The bill appropriates \$6,374,458.34 of additional federal “ERA2 Program” grant funds

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