

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2022-407

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

Date of Introduction: May 24, 2022

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

Date of Analysis: May 25, 2022

Type of Action: Appropriation, position and agreement authorization, and designation of oversight agency

Bill Summary: This bill is an appropriation of Emergency Home Energy Assistance for the Elderly Program American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 supplemental grant funds in the amount of \$172,477. The bill authorizes a Clerical Support Aide II to administer the program, funded until the end of the grant period September 30, 2022. This bill also approves the ElderSource Standard Contract Emergency Home Energy Assistance Program for the Elderly American Rescue Plan Act. The Senior Services Division of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department will provide oversight.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to provide home energy assistance aid to eligible low-income households with at least one member aged 60 or older, experiencing a heating or cooling emergency. The home energy assistance aid will be in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 per household for eligible households, during the period from November 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. The funds are intended to cover instances where a home cooling or heating crisis exists, life-threatening or otherwise, as a result of financial and other hardships experienced by an eligible household due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Crisis assistance may include, but is not limited to, payment of heating/cooling utility bills (including delinquent bills, late fees, disconnect fees and reconnect fees), repairs or replacements to heating/cooling equipment, purchase of blankets, fans or other heating/cooling equipment, and temporary emergency shelter assistance.

Policy Impact Area: Emergency Home Energy Assistance for the Elderly Program

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of \$172,477 as initiated by B.T. 22-069; no City match is required

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