

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** 2020-649

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):**

**Date of Introduction:** October 13, 2020

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

**Date of Analysis:** October 14, 2020

**Type of Action:** Appropriation, agreement authorization, designation of oversight agency and one cycle emergency passage

**Bill Summary:** This bill is an appropriation of \$124,544 in Emergency Home Energy Assistance for the Elderly Program (EHEAP) Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds. The Emergency Home Energy Assistance for the Elderly Program Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act standard contract agreement is authorized. The Department of Parks and Recreation will provide oversight. One cycle emergency passage is requested due to the immediate need for financial assistance to prevent the disconnection of utility services.

**Background Information:** The purpose of this legislation is to provide funds to assist eligible low income households residing in the EHEAP CARES service area, with at least one member aged sixty or over, experiencing a heating or cooling emergency. Eligible households, those who experienced home energy heating or cooling emergencies during the period from August 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021, will receive an amount not to exceed \$2,000. This funding is intended to cover a home cooling or heating crisis, as a result of financial and other hardships experienced by an eligible household due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and may be used for payment of delinquent utility bills, 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 low income seniors

**Fiscal Impact:** \$124,544 in Emergency Home Energy Assistance for the Elderly Program (EHEAP) Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds, as initiated by B.T. 21-012. No City match required.

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