

**THIS IS A DRAFT AND WILL BE REPLACED BY THE FINAL, SIGNED ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.**

**ORDINANCE**

**ACCEPTING \$4,569,335.71 IN REALLOCATED EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE (ERA1) GRANT FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

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**WHEREAS**, on April 23, 2020, City Council passed and approved Ordinance No. 2020-04-23-0277, which approved the creation of the City's COVID-19 Emergency Housing Assistance Program (EHAP). The EHAP provides eligible applicants rental or mortgage assistance, utility assistance, and cash assistance and is administered by the Neighborhood and Housing Services Department (NHSD); and

**WHEREAS**, funding for the EHAP has been provided by a variety of local, state and federal sources, the majority of which are the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) funds provided by the U.S. Department of the Treasury (the "U.S. Treasury") in 2021, all of which will be exhausted in the first quarter of 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, as of January 3, 2021, only \$17,754,315.48 remains in ERA funding from the U.S. Treasury with \$2,739,472.70 remaining in Bexar County Emergency Rental Assistance Program to be utilized only for rent assistance in Bexar County outside the City Limits and \$268,492.86 from two state and local funding sources.

**WHEREAS**, in November 2021 the City requested \$60 million of reallocated funds from the U.S. Treasury per the Reallocation Guidance for the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA1) Program under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, which was released in October 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 30, 2021, the U.S. Treasury approved the City of San Antonio's Request for Reallocated Funds in an amount not to exceed \$4,569,335.71; and

**WHEREAS**, staff recommends approval of the reallocated ERA-1 federal program funds as this additional funding will allow approximately 2,000 San Antonio families to receive rent or mortgage assistance under the EHAP through the first quarter of 2022. **NOW, THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:**

**SECTION 1.** The acceptance and allocation of the reallocated ERA-1 federal grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$4,569,335.71 from the U.S. Department of Treasury for the City's COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program (EHAP) are hereby approved.

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**SECTION 2.** The City Manager or designee, or the Director of Neighborhood and Housing Services Department (NHSD) or designee is hereby authorized to accept the additional grant funds in an amount up to \$4,569,335.71 in U.S. Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) for the Covid-19 Emergency Housing Assistance Program (EHAP). A copy of said application is on file with NHSD.

**SECTION 3.** Funds received and allocated by this Ordinance will be deposited into SAP Internal Order 157-9007, SAP Fund Number 2105700002.

**SECTION 4.** The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, City of San Antonio. The Deputy Chief Financial Officer may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations to specific SAP Fund Numbers, SAP Project Definitions, SAP WBS Elements, SAP Internal Orders, SAP Fund Centers, SAP Cost Centers, SAP Functional Areas, SAP Funds Reservation Document Numbers, and SAP GL Accounts as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 5.** The City Manager or his designee, or the Director of Neighborhood and Housing Services Department or her designee, are authorized to initiate, negotiate, and execute any and all necessary documents to effectuate the acceptance of the federal grant funds referenced in Section 1 of this Ordinance and to take all necessary actions to effectuate the purposes and intent of this Ordinance consistent with the EHAP Policy and U.S. Treasury guidance. Staff may adjust or align budgets and plans as necessary consistent with this Ordinance without further Council action.

**SECTION 6.** This Ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022.**

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Ron Nirenberg

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Debbie Racca-Sittre, Acting City Clerk

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Andrew Segovia, City Attorney