

A RESOLUTION

TO AUTHORIZE THE GREENVILLE COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR AND ADMINISTER HOME - AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (HOME-ARP) FUNDING TO RELIEVE THE CONTINUED IMPACT OF COVID-19 AND TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, President Biden signed American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2) (ARP) for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) to provide homelessness assistance and supportive services and to address continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy, public health, State and local governments, individuals, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the said Act, the Congress appropriated \$5 billion in ARP funds to be administered through the HOME to perform four activities that must benefit qualifying individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or in other vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development was authorized to allocate HOME-ARP to states, unit of general local government, insular areas, and consortia of units of general governments that qualified for allocation of HOME funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021, pursuant to section 217 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, (“NAHA”), and on April 8, 2021 HUD allocated HOME-ARP to 651 grantees using HOME formula; and

WHEREAS, Greenville County and the five included municipalities of Fountain Inn, Greer, Mauldin, Simpsonville, and Travelers Rest have obtained Urban County status and are identified as a Participation Jurisdiction (PJ) with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development eligible to receive HOME-ARP; and

WHEREAS, the HOME-ARP fund is available for qualifying individuals or families that are (1) homeless, as defined in section 103(a) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 11302(a)) (“**McKinney-Vento**”); (2) at risk of homelessness, as defined in section 401 of McKinney-Vento; (3) fleeing, or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; (4) part of other populations where providing supportive services or assistance would prevent a family’s homelessness or would serve those with the greatest risk of housing instability; or (5) veterans and families that include a veteran family member that meet the criteria in one of (1)-(4) in Greenville County, including residents in Fountain Inn City limits in Laurens County and Greer City limits in Spartanburg County except for Greenville City limits residents; and

WHEREAS, the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority has been the designated agent for applying for and administering HUD funds, and is prepared to develop an amendment

to the County's 2021 Action Plan to include the HOME-ARP funding and submit it to HUD on behalf of the County; and

WHEREAS, approval of said Action Plan and application by HUD would provide grant of \$4,151,357 in HOME-ARP with identified approaches that prioritize the unique needs of low- and moderate-income persons and development of partnerships between all levels of government and the private for profit and non-profit sectors to address homelessness and supportive services in the County and its incorporated municipalities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Greenville County Council hereby authorizes the Greenville County Redevelopment Authority, as its agent, to apply for and administer HOME-ARP funding, if awarded, in accordance with its action plan as submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

DONE IN REGULAR MEETING THIS 17th DAY OF MAY, 2022.

Willis Meadows, Chairman
Greenville County Council

ATTEST:

Regina McCaskill
Clerk to Council

Joseph M. Kernell
Greenville County Administrator