

**City Council of the City of Glenarden, Maryland
2023 Legislation**

<u>Resolution Number:</u>	<u>R-12-2023</u>
<u>Sponsor:</u>	<u>Kathleen J. Guillaume, Councilwoman</u>
<u>Co-Sponsor:</u>	<u>Angela D. Ferguson, Council Vice-President; Erika L. Fareed; Councilwoman</u>
<u>Public Hearing:</u>	<u>November 15, 2022</u>
<u>Session:</u>	<u>Regular Session</u>
<u>Date of Introduction:</u>	<u>November 21, 2022</u>

**A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL FUND KNOWN AS THE
GLENARDEN COMMUNITY RESILIENCE HARDSHIP FUND TO REDUCE
THE IMPACT OF ECONOMIC HARDSHIPS ARISING FROM THE PANDEMIC
CAUSED BY THE CORONAVIRUS IN THE CITY OF GLENARDEN.**

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the federal government enacted Public Law 117-2 (the "American Rescue Plan Act of 2021" or "ARPA") to provide additional relief to address the continued impact of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19") pandemic on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, President Joe Biden signed the 1.9 trillion ARPA to aid public health and economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the ARPA funds are being distributed to the states who are then distributing the funds to municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Glenarden has accepted the one-time option to use the ARPA funds as lost revenue; and

WHEREAS, this option allows for more flexibility when it comes to addressing City's needs; and

WHEREAS, due to numerous mitigation measures recommended by the federal and state authorities and subsequently imposed by the State, City of Glenarden small businesses and community-based nonprofit organizations continue to suffer from the economic hardships of various kinds; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and City Council to further ameliorate these economic hardships to the extent possible and to supplement the ARPA with other funds available in the City's General Fund; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 602(a)(26) of the Charter of the City, the Glenarden City Council has the authority to expend federal or state grant funds for any public purpose; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to§ 602(a)(5) of the Charter of the City, the Glenarden City Council has the authority to appropriate municipal funds for any purpose within the powers of the Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND APPROVED BY THE GLENARDEN CITY COUNCIL, sitting in Regular Session on the 21st day of November 2022 as follows:

1. The Council directs the Treasurer to establish a line item in the FY 2023 budget to be referred to as the Community Resilience Hardship Fund.
2. The Community Resilience Hardship Fund shall be funded by an appropriation of \$400,000 from the ARPA funds.
3. Prior to expenditure of the funds from the Community Resilience Hardship Fund, specific criteria and guidelines for such expenditures will be established and approved by the City Council to assist City of Glenarden small businesses and community-based nonprofit organizations.
4. The City Manager, with the assistance of the Treasurer, shall ensure that all expenditures From the Community Resilience Hardship Fund are documented.

The City Council of Glenarden, by and through the City Council

Derek D. Curtis, II, Council President

Angela D. Ferguson, Council Vice President

Erika L. Fareed, Councilwoman

Kathleen J. Guillaume, Councilwoman

Maurice A. Hairston, Councilman

James A. Herring, Councilman

Robin Jones, Councilwoman

ATTEST:

Regis Bryant, Acting City Manager

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that on the 21st day of November 2022 with ___ Yes
___ No and ___ Abstention(s) that the Resolution was Approved.

Robin Bailey-Walls, Acting Council Clerk

Community Resilience Hardship Fund Criteria and Eligibility for Resolution

Eligibility

- Operating business as of March 15, 2020
- Commercial businesses and non-profits with a physical presence in the City of Glenarden
- 30 or fewer Full-time employees
- Vape, liquor, and tobacco businesses, or age-restricted businesses ineligible
- National franchises and chains will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- City elected officials not eligible
- City of Glenarden property taxes, and other City bills/obligations are not eligible

Requirements

- Completed Application – include need for funding; evidence of business disruption; how funds will be utilized in accordance with requirements; and business continuity plan
- Current/valid City of Glenarden Non-Residential Use and Occupancy Permit
- Provide documentation to prove eligibility, must include any of the following:
 - Articles of Incorporation/Organization/Formation
 - Two most recent tax returns
 - Most Recent Income Statement
 - Current lease or last two mortgage statements
 - Current Employee Roster
- Commitment to maintain funded project(s) within the City of Glenarden for a minimum of two (2) years
- Completed non-discrimination statement and hold-harmless agreement