

City Council of the City of Glenarden, Maryland
2023 Legislation

Resolution Number: R-13-2023
Sponsor: Kathleen J. Guillaume, Councilwoman
Co-Sponsor: Robin Jones, Councilwoman; Angela D. Ferguson,
Council Vice-President; Erika L. Fareed;
Councilwoman
Public Hearing: November 15, 2022
Session: Regular Session
Date of Introduction: November 21, 2022

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL FUND KNOWN AS THE
GLENARDEN GOOD SAMARITAN 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 residents 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 Good Samaritan Hardship Fund.

2. The Good Samaritan Hardship Fund shall be funded by an appropriation of at least \$250,000 from the ARPA funds.

3. Prior to expenditure of the funds from the Good Samaritan Hardship Fund, specific criteria and guidelines for such expenditures will be established and approved by the City Council to assist City of Glenarden residents with their rent/mortgage, utilities, groceries, and prescriptions.

4. The City Manager, with the assistance of the Treasurer, shall ensure that all expenditures from the Good Samaritan Hardship Fund are properly 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

Good Samaritan Hardship Fund Criteria and Eligibility for Resolution

Eligibility

- Resident of the City of Glenarden
- Evidence of need and that need was due to circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Show necessity of payment for eligible expense(s)
- City of Glenarden property taxes and other City bills/obligations are not eligible

Requirements

- Completed application form with required documentation
- Proof of residency may be established through any two* of the following:
 - Signed copy of a mortgage, deed, or lease agreement
 - Current, valid insurance policy
 - Utility bill with applicant's name and address, issued within the last 60 days
 - Bank statement issued within the last 60 days
 - Recent voter registration card
 - Government benefits statement
- Proof of hardship (please include any and all documentation you have):
 - Letter of furlough or layoff from employer
 - Letter or documentation from (former) employer
 - Signed statement pertaining to COVID-19 impact or non-essential status for 1099 (contract) workers or self-employed individuals
 - Confirmation of rent, mortgage, or utility delinquencies on letterhead from the interested party (a copy of the bill will suffice if it shows the delinquencies)
 - 2020 and/or 2021 tax return(s) as filed with the IRS
 - Documentation of acceptance under other government financial aid program
 - Proof of unemployment benefits or application
 - Receipt of SNAP/TANF benefits
 - Receipt of Social Security income
 - Medicaid
 - Residing in subsidized housing
 - Family eligible for free/reduced lunch at schools
- W-9 form will be required for assistance awards to be issued

**The City reserves the right to request additional documentation if deemed necessary*