

1 City Council of the City of Glenarden, Maryland
2 2023 Legislation
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5 **Resolution Number:** **R-XX- 2023**
6 **Sponsor:** **Kathleen J. Guillaume, Councilwoman**
7 **Co-Sponsor:** **Robin Jones, Councilwoman; Angela D. Ferguson,**
8 **Council Vice-President; Erika L. Fareed;**
9 **Councilwoman**
10 **Public Hearing:** **November 15, 2022**
11 **Session:** **Regular Session**
12 **Date of Introduction:** **November 21, 2022**
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15 **A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL FUND KNOWN AS THE**
16 **GLENARDEN GOOD SAMARITAN HARDSHIP FUND TO REDUCE THE**
17 **IMPACT OF ECONOMIC HARDSHIPS ARISING FROM THE PANDEMIC**
18 **CAUSED BY THE CORONAVIRUS IN THE CITY OF GLENARDEN.**

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

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

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

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

29 **WHEREAS**, this option allows for more flexibility when it comes to addressing City’s
30 needs; and

31 **WHEREAS**, due to numerous mitigation measures recommended by the federal and state
32 authorities and subsequently imposed by the State, City of Glenarden residents continue to
33 suffer from the economic hardships of various kinds; and

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

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

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

42 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GLENARDEN CITY COUNCIL,**
43 sitting in Regular Session on the ____ day of ____ 2022 as follows:

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45 1. The Council directs the Treasurer to establish a line item in the FY 2023 budget
46 to be referred to as the Good Samaritan Hardship Fund.

47 2. The Good Samaritan Hardship Fund shall be funded by an appropriation of at least
48 \$250,000 from the ARPA funds.

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

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

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56 Date Approved: _____

57 ATTEST:

City Council of Glenarden

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Robin Bailey-Walls, Acting Council Clerk

_____ Derek D. Curtis, II, Council President

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_____ Angela D. Ferguson, Council Vice President

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_____ Erika L. Fareed, Councilwoman

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_____ James A. Herring, Councilman

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_____ Kathleen J. Guillaume, Councilwoman

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Maurice A. Hairston, Councilman

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85 Yes _____

86 No _____

87 Abstain _____

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