

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Savannah (City) has been allocated \$3,100,743 of federal funds appropriated under section 3205 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME-ARP); and

WHEREAS, these special HOME-ARP funds can be used for acquisition of newly constructed permanent supportive housing to primarily benefit individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or other vulnerable populations (Qualifying Populations) as defined by HOME-ARP; and

WHEREAS, it is a condition for receipt of such funding that the City submit to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan in accordance with the Community Planning and Development Notice CPD-21-10; and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2022, the City held a public hearing, notifying citizens of the HOME-ARP award amount, the activities that the City may undertake, and encouraged citizen participation in the development of the allocation plan; and

WHEREAS, on June 14, 15, and 16, the City held additional meetings to gain citizen input into the development of the allocation plan; and

WHEREAS, the City also consulted with requisite agencies, including, but not limited to, Continuum of Care providers serving the Savannah area; homeless service providers; domestic violence service providers; veterans' groups; public housing agencies; public agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations; and public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights, and the needs of persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2022, the City published and made available online with a 15-day public comment period its Draft HOME-ARP Allocation Plan to discuss and receive comments on the plan; and

WHEREAS, on November 24, 2022, the City notified citizens of the FY2021 Substantial Amendment through the Savannah Morning News; and

WHEREAS, the City is amending its FY2021 One Year Action Plan by Substantial Amendment to use its HOME-ARP funds pursuant to HUD requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah do hereby authorize (1) the use of funds for the purposes identified in the HOME-ARP Plan; (2) authorize, Joseph A. Melder, City Manager to submit the Substantial Amendment to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the City's One-Year Action Plan for 2021; and (3) authorize, Joseph A. Melder, City Manager to enter into agreements to carry out the activities identified within the Plan.

Adopted this 12th day of January 2023.

Van R. Johnson, II, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council