

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

AN ORDINANCE appropriating \$10,471,177.00 from the undesignated fund balance of the 2022 Grant Fund, and authorizing the County Executive to execute a Third Addendum to the Cooperative Agreement with the Community Services League of Independence, MO, to administer emergency rental and utility assistance funding on behalf of Jackson County, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$10,471,177.00

ORDINANCE NO. 5622, April 25, 2022

INTRODUCED BY Tony Miller, County Legislator

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a pandemic due to COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, the United States government has approved multiple emergency relief packages to provide funds to the State of Missouri, the County, other local governments, and citizens to meet unanticipated public health and economic needs caused by the pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, the emergency rental assistance (ERA) programs included within the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 make available \$46.55 billion to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, the County received an initial allocation of ERA funds from the U.S. Treasury for 2021 in the aggregate amount of \$17,790,137.00; and,

WHEREAS, subsequent appropriations have brought the total federal funding for ERA in Jackson County up to the total amount of \$42,790,137.00; and,

WHEREAS, by Ordinance 5493, dated March 15, 2021, Ordinance 5546, dated September 20, 2021, and Ordinance 5594, dated January 31, 2022, the County contracted with the Community Services League (CSL) of Independence, MO, to administer the County's ERA program and expend these funds on behalf of eligible persons; and,

WHEREAS, the County has now received from various sources an additional \$10,471,177.00 in federal ERA funds, which can only be expended in accordance with federal guidelines; and,

WHEREAS, these funds may be used to provide assistance to eligible households through existing or newly created rental assistance programs; and,

WHEREAS, the County may only use the funds to provide financial assistance in the form of rent, rental arrears, utilities and home energy costs, utilities and home energy costs arrears, and other expenses related to housing incurred due, directly or indirectly, to the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak, as defined by the Secretary of the Treasury, to eligible households; and,

WHEREAS, to be eligible, a household must be obligated to pay rent on a residential dwelling and the County must determine that one or more individuals within a household has qualified for unemployment benefits or experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced other financial hardship due, directly or indirectly, to the COVID-19 outbreak; one or more individuals within the household can demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability; and the household has a household income at or below 80% of the area's median income; and,

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that these additional ERA funds be maintained in the separate and identified County special revenue fund and not commingled with the general or other special revenue funds of the County; and,

WHEREAS, the execution of a Third Addendum to the existing Cooperative Agreement with CSL for the continued administration of these new ERA funds is in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Jackson County; now therefore.

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the following appropriation be and hereby is made:

<u>DEPARTMENT/DIVISION</u>	<u>CHARACTER/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Grant Fund Emergency Rental Assistance 010-1030	45234- Increase Revenues	\$1,111,280	
Emergency Rental Assistance 2 010-1040	45238- Increase Revenues	5,483,482	

<u>DEPARTMENT/DIVISION</u>	<u>CHARACTER/DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Emergency Rental Assistance High Need 010-1041	45239- Increase Revenues	3,876,415	
010-9999	32810- Undesignated Fund Balance		10,471,177
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Emergency Rental Assistance 010-1030	56789- Outside Agency Funding		1,111,280
Emergency Rental Assistance 2 010-1040	56789- Outside Agency Funding		5,483,482
Emergency Rental Assistance High Need 010-1041	56789- Outside Agency Funding		3,876,415

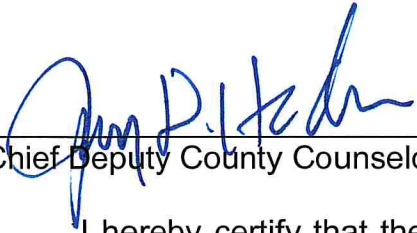
and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the County Executive be and hereby is authorized to execute a Third Addendum to the Cooperative Agreement with the CSL in a form to be approved by the County Counselor; and,


BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Director of the Department of Finance and Purchasing be and hereby is authorized to make all payments, including final payment on the Third Addendum.

Effective Date: This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its signature by the County Executive.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Chief Deputy County Counselor



County Counselor

I hereby certify that the attached ordinance, Ordinance No. 5622 introduced on April 25, 2022, was duly passed on May 16, 2022 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 7

Nays 0


Abstaining 0

Absent 2

This Ordinance is hereby transmitted to the County Executive for his signature.

5.16.22

Date



Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature

I hereby approve the attached Ordinance No. 5622.

5/16/2022

Date



Frank White, Jr., County Executive

Funds sufficient for this appropriation are available from the source indicated below.

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 010 9999 32810
ACCOUNT TITLE: Grant Fund
Undesignated Fund Balance
NOT TO EXCEED: \$10,471,177.00

There is a balance otherwise unencumbered to the credit of the appropriation to which the expenditure is chargeable and there is a cash balance otherwise unencumbered in the treasury to the credit of the fund from which payment is to be made each sufficient to provide for the obligation herein authorized.

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 010 1030 56789
ACCOUNT TITLE: Grant Fund
Emergency Rental Assistance
Outside Agency Funding
NOT TO EXCEED: \$1,111,280.00

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 010 1040 56789
ACCOUNT TITLE: Grant Fund
Emergency Rental Assistance 2
Outside Agency Funding
NOT TO EXCEED: \$5,483,482.00

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 010 1041 56789
ACCOUNT TITLE: Grant Fund
Emergency Rental Assistance High Need
Outside Agency Funding
NOT TO EXCEED: \$3,876,415.00

4/21/2022
Date


Chief Administrative Officer