
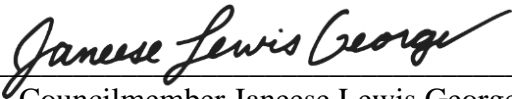




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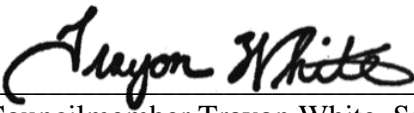
  
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27 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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31 To amend the Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005 to reform the Emergency Rental  
32 Assistance Program by requiring the Mayor to produce monthly reports on program  
33 applications and expenditures, to require one month of public notice before closing the  
34 program in anticipation of funding exhaustion, and to provide quarterly reports on the  
35 need for rental assistance once funding has been exhausted.

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37 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
38 act may be cited as the “Emergency Rental Assistance Funds Reporting and Notice  
39 Requirements Amendment Act of 2023”.

40 Sec. 2. Section 8f of the Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005, effective October 22,  
41 2005 (D.C. Law 16-35; D.C. Official Code § 4-753.08) is amended by adding a new subsection  
42 (c-1) to read as follows:

43           “(c-1)(1) Beginning October 31, 2023, the Mayor shall transmit a monthly written report  
44 to the Council that provides the following information related to Emergency Rental Assistance  
45 Funds:

46                           “(A) The number of applications received in the current the fiscal year;

47                           “(B) The number of applications:

48                                       “(i) Pending review;

49                                       “(ii) Approved with funds dispersed;

50                                       “(iii) Approved and pending payment;

51                                       “(iv) Denied; or

52                                       “(v) In the process of an appeal;

53                           “(C) The amount of funding for the current fiscal year that has been:

54                                       “(i) Dispersed;

55                                       “(ii) Committed; and

56                                       “(iii) Remaining; and

57                           “(D) The projected date funds will be exhausted based on application and  
58 payment trends.

59                           “(2) The report required by paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be posted  
60 conspicuously on the Department of Human Services’ website and the application portal website  
61 for Emergency Rental Assistance Funds.

62                           “(3) The Mayor shall provide one month of public notice before closing the  
63 application portal for Emergency Rental Assistance Funds and shall widely promote any pending  
64 program closures.

65                   “(4) Following such time when the application portal for Emergency Rental  
66 Assistance Funds closes due to projected funding exhaustion, the Mayor shall report quarterly to  
67 the Council the number of inquiries or requests received by the Department of Human Services  
68 regarding rental assistance, including the number of emails, phone calls, and in-person service  
69 center visits where residents have expressed a need for or question about Emergency Rental  
70 Assistance Funds.”.

71                   Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

72                   The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal  
73 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,  
74 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a.

75                   Sec. 4. Effective date.

76                   This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
77 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as  
78 provided in sections 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
79 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of  
80 Columbia Register.