

A RESOLUTION

25-222

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

July 11, 2023

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to amend the Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005 to establish grounds for an extension to the Family Re-Housing Stabilization Program, whereby the Department of Human Services or its designee will thoroughly consider the totality of the participant's circumstances, including their progress and eligibility for affordable housing.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Family Re-Housing Stabilization Program Protection Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2023”.

Sec. 2. (a) Recent data from the Department of Human Services (“DHS”) reveals that approximately 207 participants of the Family Re-Housing Stabilization Program (“FRSP”) are anticipated to be exited from FRSP between August 2023 and February 2024 without being matched to housing resources.

(b) According to DHS regulations, FRSP participants have the option to request an extension in the program by providing a written explanation of their need for additional assistance beyond the standard 12 months.

(c) To qualify for an extension, DHS conducts a comprehensive review and requires the participant to demonstrate sincere efforts towards their goals and an inability to maintain housing stability independently.

(d) Legislation codifying existing DHS regulations is necessary to ensure that the Council has adequate time to work towards a comprehensive solution for FRSP participants who leave FRSP without the necessary support to prevent homelessness.

Sec. 3. The Council determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Family Re-Housing Stabilization Program Protection Emergency Amendment Act of 2023 should be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.