



STAFF REPORT ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION

To: Mayor Gavin Buckley

From: Michael Mallinoff, City Manager

Date: August 28, 2024

Subject: R-44-24: Fund Authorization for Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis (HACA)

Purpose of legislation

The purpose of this legislation is to provide rehabilitation grant funding for the Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis by repurposing \$500,000 in the Fiscal Year 2025 City budget.

Impact of legislation on operations

The Department of Planning and Zoning (Department) has been working closely with HACA particularly during 2024. As noted previously, one of the factors impacting HACA's financial position is the presence of many unlicensed housing units and the repair work required in order to obtain and maintain licenses. The Department and HACA have prioritized inspections to bring units with the least number and severity of issues into licensure and have successfully brought many into compliance. Generally, the units that remain unlicensed have larger issues, and HACA does not have the financial resources to rehabilitate the units and bring them into compliance with the City's housing inspection standards.

As part of its commitment the City would like to direct the entirety of the funds set aside for a rental rehabilitation with private landlords to the public housing units at HACA through a Grant award in the amount of \$500,000. The Grant would be administered by the Department and the use of funds would be limited by the terms of a Grant Agreement between the City and HACA, which Agreement includes an Action Plan.

This resolution would greatly assist HACA in fixing deficiencies documented through City inspections allowing those housing units to be licensed.

Impact of legislation on staffing

This resolution is not expected to impact the staffing needs of the City.

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