## CITY of ALBUQUERQUE TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCI		BILL NO.	R-20-91	ENACTMENT NO.
SPO	ONSO	RED BY:	Klarissa J. Peña	
	1			RESOLUTION
	2	APPRO	OVING FISCAL YEA	AR 2021 APPROPRIATIONS TO SUPPLEMENT
	3	FUNDING		REVENTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS DURING
	4		THE PU	BLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.
[ <u>Bracketed/Underscored Material]</u> - New [ <del>Bracketed/Strikethrough Material</del> ] - Deletion	5	WHERE	AS, the COVID-19	Pandemic struck amid a severe affordable
	6	housing cr	isis in the United S	States and locally in Albuquerque; and
	7	WHERE	AS, according to	the latest analysis of weekly U.S. Census data,
	8	"as federa	l, state and local pr	otections and resources expire and in the
	9	absence of	f robust and swift i	ntervention, an estimated 30–40 million people in
	10	America co	ould be at risk of ev	viction in the next several months."; and
	11	WHERE	AS, in the early we	eeks of the pandemic in the U.S., researchers at
	12	the Terner	Center at the Unive	ersity of California, the Urban Institute, the Joint
		Center for	Housing at Harvard	d, the National Low Income Housing Coalition
	14	and the Fu	rman Center at NY	U separately estimated that the number of at-risk
	15	renter hou	seholds employed	in jobs that were most vulnerable to COVID-19-
	16	related job	loss were betweer	n 27% and 34% of renter families; and
	17	WHERE	AS, according to t	he most recent U.S. Census Bureau Household
	18	Pulse Surv	yey (Week 12), 18.3	% of renters nationally report that they were
	19	unable to p	oay July's rent on t	ime. Forty-three percent of renter households
	20	with childr	en and 33% of all r	enter households have slight or no confidence
	21	that they c	an pay August rent	t on time. Among renter households earning less
	22	than \$35,0	00 per year, 42% ha	ave slight or no confidence in their ability to pay
	23	next month	n's rent.	

WHEREAS, incomes have remained flat for many Americans over the last
two decades, but median asking rents have increased by 70 percent, adjusting

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for inflation so there's a shrinking gap between what families are earning and
 what they have to pay for basic shelter; and

WHEREAS, eviction goes on your record and can bar you from moving into
Section-8 housing or negatively affect future ability to rent; and

5 WHEREAS, studies show that eviction is linked to job loss and negatively6 affects mental and physical health; and

7 WHEREAS, according to Children's HealthWatch, which is a nonpartisan 8 network of pediatricians, public health researchers, and children's health and 9 policy experts, "People who are threatened with eviction, even before they 10 lose their home, are more likely to report poor health, high blood pressure, 11 depression, anxiety, and psychological distress. Eviction often leads to 12 residential instability, moving into poor quality housing, overcrowding, and 13 homelessness, all of which associated with negative health among adults and 14 children."; and

WHEREAS, housing instability can affect a child's feelings of security and
have lasting effects on their development; and

WHEREAS, according to the Urban Institute, children and parents
experiencing high levels of stress from instability may be less receptive to
information to be gleaned from intervention programs. "For example,
achieving school readiness among children enrolled in a prekindergarten
program is difficult without first ensuring children have safe and secure
housing, proper nutrition and medical care, and stable and supportive parents
who can foster regular school attendance."; and

WHEREAS, according to the Eviction Lab at Princeton University, Albuquerque was listed as one of the top 100 eviction areas in the country in 2016 when there were 4,541 evictions in Albuquerque, which amounts to 12.44 households evicted every day; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2018-2022 City of Albuquerque Consolidated
Plan the most common household type in Albuquerque is small family
households, representing 41.9 percent of all households in the city and nearly
a third (30.2 percent) of small family households and approximately 38 percent
of large family households earn less than 80 percent of AMI, indicating
significant household economic stress regardless of family size; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2018-2022 City of Albuquerque Consolidated
Plan the most common housing problem in the City is cost burden with the
greatest risk of homelessness being among renters; and
WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Eviction Program, which is funded through
the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), is designed to assist with both
past due rent and/or utilities and which can only be applied a maximum 3-

8 months of arrears and has been funded at \$121,040 for the past two years

9 while it served 722 household members in program year 2018 (Fiscal Year

10 2019); and

WHEREAS, the Department of Family and Community Services manages a
special revenue account that is funded through private donations for
Emergency Rental and Utility Assistance designed to assist with both past
due rent and/or utilities assist with a maximum of \$1,000 per household, if
criteria is met. Since the start of COVID-19 epidemic the program has
expended over \$47,000 to eligible clients; and

WHEREAS, assistance from Eviction Prevention programs in Albuquerque
may fall desperately short of the need that has been created by the COVID-19
epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved Resolution R-20-34 on May 4, 2020, which accepted and appropriated \$150,364,461 of CARES Act funding from the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and required that all indirect COVID-19 related expenditures from the funds be approved by the City Council before they are expended; and

WHEREAS, the approval to spend these funds is timely and necessary, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE:

Section 1. That \$300,000 is hereby approved as an expenditure from the
CARES Act Grant in the Operating Grants Fund (265), to be administered by
the Family and Community Services Department to provide eviction
prevention assistance to Albuquerque Residents for the duration of the
COVID-19 related public health orders.

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