

# CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

## TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-21-167 ENACTMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSORED BY: Lan Sena

1 RESOLUTION  
2 APPROVING AN AWARD FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY FOR  
3 EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE AND PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION  
4 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, BEGINNING  
5 IN FISCAL YEAR 2021.

6 WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Treasury has awarded \$24,058,313 in  
7 Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) to the City of Albuquerque; and

8 WHEREAS, the ERA funds are for renters who are at or below 80% area  
9 median income, have been directly or indirectly impacted by COVID-19 and are  
10 at risk of homelessness or housing instability; and

11 WHEREAS, the ERA funds may be used to provide up to 15 months of  
12 assistance to eligible households for unpaid rent and utilities as well as future  
13 rent; and

14 WHEREAS, many renters in Albuquerque are struggling to pay their rent  
15 due to COVID-19 and are at risk of eviction once the state and federal  
16 moratoriums on evictions expire.

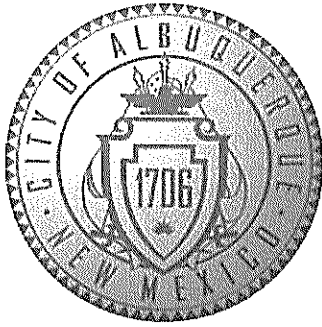
17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF  
18 ALBUQUERQUE:

19 Section 1. That the City's application to the U.S. Treasury for  
20 \$24,058,313.80 in ERA funding is hereby approved.

21 Section 2. That the \$24,058,313.80 in ERA funds are hereby appropriated to  
22 the Department of Family Community Services in the Operating Grants Fund  
23 (265), beginning in Fiscal Year 2021.

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Mayor Timothy M. Keller

**CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE**  
**Albuquerque, New Mexico**  
**Office of the Mayor**

**INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**April 21, 2021**

**TO:** Cynthia D. Borrego, President, City Council

**FROM:** Timothy M. Keller, Mayor *TJK*

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving an award from the U.S. Department of Treasury for emergency rental assistance and providing an appropriation to the Department of Family and Community Services, beginning in Fiscal Year 2021.

This is a Resolution approving an award from the U.S. Department of Treasury for emergency rental assistance and providing an appropriation to the Department of Family and Community Services, beginning in Fiscal Year 2021.

The City of Albuquerque received \$24,058,313.80 from the U.S. Treasury for Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA). The ERA funds are for renters who are at or below 80% area median income, have been directly or indirectly impacted by COVID and are at risk of homelessness or housing instability. Funds may be used for unpaid rent and utilities, as well as up to 3 months of future rent at a time. Total assistance for each household is limited to 12 months of rent (upon 3-month re-application/recertification), although additional assistance may be provided for an additional 3 months if needed.

These ERA funds will prevent eviction for many low and moderate income renters who have been impacted by COVID-19 and are struggling to pay their rent.

This is forwarded to City Council for approval.

**Legislation Title: Resolution approving an award from the U.S. Department of Treasury for emergency rental assistance and providing an appropriation to the Department of Family and Community Services, beginning in Fiscal Year 2021.**

**Recommended:**

**Approved as to Legal Form:**

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Dept. of Family & Community Services

## Cover Analysis

### 1. What is it?

This is a Resolution approving an award from the U.S. Department of Treasury for emergency rental assistance and providing an appropriation to the Department of Family and Community Services, beginning in Fiscal Year 2021.

### 2. What will this piece of legislation do?

The City of Albuquerque received \$24,058,313.80 from the U.S. Treasury for Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA). The ERA funds are for renters who are at or below 80% area median income, have been directly or indirectly impacted by COVID and are at risk of homelessness or housing instability. Funds may be used for unpaid rent and utilities, as well as up to 3 months of future rent at a time. Total assistance for each household is limited to 12 months of rent (upon 3-month re-application/recertification), although additional assistance may be provided for an additional 3 months if needed.

### 3. Why is the project needed?

Many low and moderate income renters in Albuquerque have been impacted by COVID-19 and are struggling to pay their rent. Many renters are protected by the state and federal moratoriums on evictions that are currently in place. However many renters have accumulated large amount of unpaid rental and utility arrears, and are struggling to pay their current rent. Once these moratoriums are lifted, these renters face evictions. The ERA funds will prevent thousands of evictions in Albuquerque.

### 4. How much will it cost and what is the funding source?

There is no match requirement for this grant. The City's costs related to administering this grant can be paid for out of the grant itself.

### 5. Is there a revenue source associated with this contract? If so, what level of income is projected?

No.

### 6. What will happen if the project is not approved?

Low and moderate income renters in Albuquerque will not receive the assistance they need to prevent an eviction.

### 7. Is this service already provided by another entity?

The Department of Family & Community Services operates an eviction prevention program through the Health and Social Services Centers using Community Development Block Grant funding. However, this program is not large enough to meet the full community need.

**FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS (Operating Funds)**

TITLE: The U.S. Department of Treasury for Emergency Rental Assistance  
 Legislation Type: R  
 FUND: 265 - Operating Grants  
 Dept: Family and Community Services

- No measurable fiscal impact is anticipated, i.e., no impact on fund balance over and above existing appropriations.
- (If Applicable) The estimated fiscal impact (defined as impact over and above existing appropriations) of this legislation is as follows:

		2022	Fiscal Years 2023	2024	Total
Base Salary/Wages		33,807			33,807
Fringe Benefits	48.5176%	16,403			16,403
Subtotal Personnel		50,210	-	-	50,210
Operating Expenses		23,976,810			23,976,810
Property				-	-
Indirect Costs	7.20%	31,294			31,294
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 24,058,314</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 24,058,314</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Estimated revenues not affected					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Estimated revenue impact					
	Amount of Grant	24,058,314	-		24,058,314
	City Cash Match				-
	City In-kind Match				-
	City IDOH				-
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>\$ 24,058,314</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 24,058,314</b>

Number of Positions created

**COMMENTS:** The City of Albuquerque received \$24,058,313.80 from the U.S. Treasury for Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA). The ERA funds are for renters who are at or below 80% area median income, have been directly or indirectly impacted by COVID and are at risk of homelessness or housing instability. Funds may be used for unpaid rent and utilities, as well as up to 3 months of future rent at a time. Total assistance for each household is limited to 12 months of rent (upon 3-month re-application/recertification), although additional assistance may be provided for an additional 3 months if needed.

**COMMENTS ON NON-MONETARY IMPACTS TO COMMUNITY/CITY GOVERNMENT:**

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