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# **CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

06/24/2024 24-217

Council Meeting Date: 06/24/2024

Item No: 24-217

Responsible Dept: City Manager

Requested Action: Order Map/Lot: N/A

# Title, Order

Authorizing the Allocation of \$250,000 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Support the Rental Registry's Quality Housing Provider Program

# Summary

This Order will authorize the allocation of \$250,000 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka ARPA funds) to fund the Rental Registry's Quality Housing Provider program to offer low-cost loans to property owners according to the income designation of tenant households whose income exceeds the 80% Area Median Income (AMI) threshold.

The Rental Registration Pilot Program and the Quality Housing Provider Program is expected to improve the quality, safety, and efficiency of multifamily buildings. It is expected that many properties will be eligible for CDBG funding to address code requirements, property maintenance and chronic disinvestment and which are occupied by households which qualify as low-to moderate income households. However, many buildings provide housing to tenants of "middle income" and will also require compliance with local building codes.

The program would offer a tiered funding all landlords wishing to improve their housing units for tenants while prioritizing opportunities for those property owners providing affordable rentals. This program will assist with critical repairs, the installation of required fire prevention systems, and upgrades to energy efficient systems to lower heating and cooling costs.

This allocation is eligible for funding within the government services category and coincides with the Council's priority to support housing and reduce obstacles which may prevent safe and affordable housing to all citizens.

### **Committee Action**

Committee: Business & Economic Development Committee Meeting Date: 06/03/2024

Action: Recommend for passage For: Against:

**Staff Comments & Approvals** 

City Manager

City Solicitor

Finance Director

**Introduced for:** New Business

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### **CITY OF BANGOR ORDER**



Date: 06/24/2024 Item No: 24-217

Assigned to Councilor: Deane

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WHEREAS, the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Act identifies government services as an eligible expenditure category; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has identified housing has a priority for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the availability of quality rental housing is a critical component of the community's well-being; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG funding to support the Quality Housing Provider Program excludes critical repairs to property occupied by households making above the 80% Area Median Income;

Now, Therefore, Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Bangor that, \$250,000 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds are allocated for the purpose of supporting the Rental Registry and Quality Housing Provider programs for rental property rehabilitation otherwise ineligible for CDBG Funding.