

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR COVID-19 AUGUST /  
SEPTEMBER 2020 RENT RELIEF FOR LMHA / LIHTC PUBLIC HOUSING  
RESIDENTS**

**Item No. 5j**

WHEREAS, COVID-19 pandemic has caused worldwide disruption and economic loss for families served by LMHA and LMHA / LIHTC affiliates; and

WHEREAS, LMHA was approved to waive public housing resident rental payments for the month of August in the amount of \$520,000.

WHEREAS, LMHA was approved to waive public housing/LIHTC resident rental payments for the month of September in the amount of \$190,000.

WHEREAS, the actual resident rent for August LMHA and September LMHA/ LIHTC combined totaled \$775,212 compared to the approved August and September rent waiver amounts totaling \$710,000 for an overage of \$65,212.

WHEREAS, LMHA has identified additional non-federal funds to be used to offset this rent wavier overage for August and September. The identified funds to be used for this overage in the August and September Rent Relief program are in addition to the funds previously utilized for the Rent Relief program applied to LMHA owned / managed and LIHTC Public Housing properties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISVILLE METRO HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that the Board authorizes Lisa Osanka, the Executive Director, to take such actions and execute any documents as needed to implement the COVID-19 Rent Relief Additional funding in the amount of approximately \$65,212.

## RESOLUTION BACKGROUND STATEMENT

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#### **I. STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused worldwide disruption hitting especially hard, Louisville Metro low income residents. LMHA recognizes the impact that this pandemic has had on families. We have offered expedited processing of interim recertifications recognizing families' loss of income.

State and Federal actions have provided minimal economic relief to address the loss of income and additional expenses incurred by families in these times. Protections have been established to waive some regulations, utility payments and to defer eviction actions, but rent remains due.

Families continue to experience mounting economic pressures. LMHA recognizes the burden this places upon families and is offering a one-time Rent Relief program waiving rental payments for LMHA and LMHA / LIHTC Public Housing residents.

LMHA has identified non-federal funding sources to be used to absorb the August and September 2020 resident rent relief overage. LMHA will utilize and additional \$65,212 to resolve the rent relief overage. The funds to be used for this effort are in addition to the funds already utilized for the August 2020 Rent Relief program applied to LMHA owned / managed Public Housing properties totaling \$520,000 and the September Rent Relief program applied to LMHA / LIHTC Public Housing properties totaling \$190,000.

#### **II. ALTERNATIVES:**

- A. Authorize the additional funding for the Rent Relief Program to resolve the overage for the month of August 2020 for LMHA properties and the month of September 2020 for LMHA / LIHTC properties.
- B. Do not authorize the additional funding for the Rent Relief Program for LMHA and LMHA / LIHTC Public Housing for the months of August and September 2020.

#### **III. RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends Alternative "A".

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**IV. JUSTIFICATION:**

- Will facilitate economic relief to all current low-income residents that are in need because of the negative financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Use of available non-federal funds to support the September Rent Relief Program effort.

**V. BUDGET APPROVAL:**

Funded with Non-Restricted Program Income funds.

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Angela Larsson, Director of Finance

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Date

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