

1 City Council of the City of Glenarden, Maryland
2 2023 Legislation
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5 **Resolution Number:** **R-12-2023**
6 **Sponsor:** **Kathleen J. Guillaume, Councilwoman**
7 **Co-Sponsor:** **Angela D. Ferguson, Council Vice-President;**
8 **Erika L. Fareed; Councilwoman**
9 **Public Hearing:** **November 15, 2022**
10 **Session:** **Regular Session**
11 **Date of Introduction:** **November 21, 2022**
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14 **A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL FUND KNOWN AS THE**
15 **GLENARDEN COMMUNITY RESILIENCE HARDSHIP FUND TO REDUCE**
16 **THE IMPACT OF ECONOMIC HARDSHIPS ARISING FROM THE PANDEMIC**
17 **CAUSED BY THE CORONAVIRUS IN THE CITY OF GLENARDEN.**

18 **WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2021, the federal government enacted Public Law 117-2 (the
19 “American Rescue Plan Act of 2021” or “ARPA”) to provide additional relief to address the
20 continued impact of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic on the
21 economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals, and businesses; and

22 **WHEREAS**, President Joe Biden signed the 1.9 trillion ARPA to aid public health and
23 economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the ARPA funds are being distributed to the states who are then distributing
25 the funds to municipalities; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the City of Glenarden has accepted the one-time option to use the ARPA funds
27 as lost revenue; and

28 **WHEREAS**, this option allows for more flexibility when it comes to addressing City’s
29 needs; and

30 **WHEREAS**, due to numerous mitigation measures recommended by the federal and state
31 authorities and subsequently imposed by the State, City of Glenarden small businesses and
32 community-based nonprofit organizations continue to suffer from the economic hardships of
33 various kinds; and

34 **WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Mayor and City Council to further ameliorate these
35 economic hardships to the extent possible and to supplement the ARPA with other funds
36 available in the City's General Fund; and

37 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to § 602(a)(26) of the Charter of the City, the Glenarden City Council
38 has the authority to expend federal or state grant funds for any public purpose; and

39 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to § 602(a)(5) of the Charter of the City, the Glenarden City Council
40 has the authority to appropriate municipal funds for any purpose within the powers of the
41 Council.

42 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND APPROVED BY THE GLENARDEN**
43 **CITY COUNCIL**, sitting in Regular Session on the 21st day of November 2022 as follows:

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45 1. The Council directs the Treasurer to establish a line item in the FY 2023 budget
46 to be referred to as the Community Resilience Hardship Fund.

47 2. The Community Resilience Hardship Fund shall be funded by an appropriation of
48 \$400,000 from the ARPA funds.

49 3. Prior to expenditure of the funds from the Community Resilience Hardship Fund,
50 specific criteria and guidelines for such expenditures will be established and approved by the
51 City Council to assist City of Glenarden small businesses and community-based nonprofit
52 organizations.

53 4. The City Manager, with the assistance of the Treasurer, shall ensure that all
54 expenditures from the Community Resilience Hardship Fund are properly documented.

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56 **City Council of Glenarden**

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59 ATTEST:

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62 Regis Bryant Acting City Manager

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65 Derek D. Curtis, II, Council President

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68 Angela D. Ferguson, Council Vice President

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71 Erika L. Fareed, Councilwoman

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74 James A. Herring, Councilman

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Community Resilience Hardship Fund Criteria and Eligibility for Resolution

Eligibility

- Operating business as of March 15, 2020
- Commercial businesses and non-profits with a physical presence in the City of Glenarden
- 30 or fewer Full-time employees
- Vape, liquor, and tobacco businesses, or age-restricted businesses ineligible
- National franchises and chains will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- City elected officials not eligible
- City of Glenarden property taxes, and other City bills/obligations are not eligible

Requirements

- Completed Application – include need for funding; evidence of business disruption; how funds will be utilized in accordance with requirements; and business continuity plan
- Current/valid City of Glenarden Non-Residential Use and Occupancy Permit
- Provide documentation to prove eligibility, must include any of the following:
 - Articles of Incorporation/Organization/Formation
 - Two most recent tax returns
 - Most Recent Income Statement
 - Current lease or last two mortgage statements
 - Current Employee Roster
- Commitment to maintain funded project(s) within the City of Glenarden for a minimum of two (2) years
- Completed non-discrimination statement and hold-harmless agreement