

1 City Council of the City of Glenarden, Maryland  
2 2023 Legislation  
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5 **Resolution Number:** R-13-2023  
6 **Sponsor:** Kathleen J. Guillaume, Councilwoman  
7 **Co-Sponsor:** Robin Jones, Councilwoman; Angela D. Ferguson,  
8 Council Vice-President; Erika L. Fareed;  
9 Councilwoman  
10 **Public Hearing:** November 15, 2022  
11 **Session:** Regular Session  
12 **Date of Introduction:** November 21, 2022  
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15 **A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL FUND KNOWN AS THE**  
16 **GLENARDEN GOOD SAMARITAN HARDSHIP FUND TO REDUCE THE**  
17 **IMPACT OF ECONOMIC HARDSHIPS ARISING FROM THE PANDEMIC**  
18 **CAUSED BY THE CORONAVIRUS IN THE CITY OF GLENARDEN.**

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

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

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

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

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

31 **WHEREAS**, due to numerous mitigation measures recommended by the federal and state  
32 authorities and subsequently imposed by the State, City of Glenarden residents continue to  
33 suffer from the economic hardships of 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.

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

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46 1. The Council directs the Treasurer to establish a line item in the FY 2023 budget  
47 to be referred to as the Good Samaritan Hardship Fund.

48 2. The Good Samaritan Hardship Fund shall be funded by an appropriation of at least  
49 \$250,000 from the ARPA funds.

50 3. Prior to expenditure of the funds from the Good Samaritan Hardship Fund, specific  
51 criteria and guidelines for such expenditures will be established and approved by the City  
52 Council to assist City of Glenarden residents with their rent/mortgage, utilities, groceries,  
53 and prescriptions.

54 4. The City Manager, with the assistance of the Treasurer, shall ensure that all  
55 expenditures from the Good Samaritan Hardship Fund are properly documented.

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57 **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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James A. Herring, Councilman

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Kathleen J. Guillaume, Councilwoman

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Maurice A. Hairston, Councilman

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Robin Jones, Councilwoman

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I HEREBY CERTIFY, that on the 21st day of November 2022 with \_\_\_ Yes

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\_\_\_ No and \_\_\_ Abstention(s) that the Resolution was Approved.

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Robin Bailey-Walls, Acting Council Clerk

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*\*The City reserves the right to request additional documentation if deemed necessary*