

CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 14-0159R
(Resolution)

Introduced by: Councilmember Clarke, President Young, Councilmembers Curran, Scott, Stokes,
Mosby, Holton, Cole, Spector, Branch, Middleton, Kraft, Henry, Reisinger

Introduced and read first time: March 24, 2014

Assigned to: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Department of Housing and Community Development,
Mayor's Office of Human Services

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **HUD Audit of the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Grant**

3 FOR the purpose of calling on the City and external agencies concerned with homelessness in
4 Baltimore to appear before the City Council to discuss the HUD Audit of the Homeless
5 Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing grant.

6 **Recitals**

7 **WHEREAS**, A Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing grant was awarded to the city
8 under President Obama's 2009 stimulus act.

9 **WHEREAS**, In the spring of 2011, HUD's Baltimore Office called on the City to collect
10 documentation supporting the program's expenditures. Such documentation was not compiled,
11 leading to the November 2012 audit by the HUD Inspector General.

12 **WHEREAS**, Following the audit the federal government has told Baltimore to repay nearly \$4
13 million of a \$9.5 million grant aimed at helping the homeless between 2009 and 2012.

14 **WHEREAS**, The City of Baltimore is required to reimburse HUD out of general revenue funds
15 a total of \$3,756,025.35.

16 **WHEREAS**, The repayment is required by HUD as a result of improperly documented funds
17 and funds used for ineligible activities under the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing
18 grant. At issue were very specific criteria of what constituted a homeless person eligible for the
19 stimulus funds.

20 **WHEREAS**, The citizens, the homeless, and homeless providers of Baltimore City need to
21 understand the details of how funds came to be improperly documented and any possible
22 amendments to this documentation which might help us reduce the reimbursement required.

23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, that the
24 Council calls on the Mayor's Office of Human Services, the Baltimore City Department of
25 Housing, and external agencies concerned with homelessness in Baltimore to appear before it to
26 discuss the HUD Audit of the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing grant.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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1 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
2 Director of the Mayor's Office of Human Services, the Housing Commissioner, and the Mayor's
3 Legislative Liaison to the City Council.