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INTRODUCTORY*

CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL R
(Resolution)

Introduced by: Councilmember Clarke

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning
HUD Audit of the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Grant

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

Recitals

WHEREAS, a Homeless Prevention and Rapid ReHousing grant was awarded to the city under President Obama's 2009 stimulus act.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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