



City of Greensboro

Melvin Municipal
Office Building
300 W. Washington Street
Greensboro, NC 27401

Agenda Report

File Number: 2021-376

Agenda Item# E.6.

Agenda Date: 10/19/2021. **Department:** Neighborhood Development
Meeting Type: Council Meeting **Category:** General Business Agenda

Title: 2021 - 376 Resolution to Authorize an Inter-Local Agreement (MOU) with Guilford County for Up To \$10,000,000 in Emergency Rental Assistance Program Funds

Council Priority: Place an 'x' in the box.

- ☐ Create an Environment to Promote Economic Development Opportunities and Job Creation
- ☐ Maintain Infrastructure and Provide Sustainable Growth Opportunities
- ☒ Promote Public Safety & Reduce Crime
- ☐ Exceptional Customer Service and a Diverse City Government Workforce
- ☒ Ensure Fiscal Stewardship, Transparency, & Accountability

Council District: All

Public Hearing: No

Advertising Date/By: N/A

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PURPOSE:

City Council is requested to consider entering into an inter-local agreement (Memorandum of Understanding) with Guilford County for up to \$10,000,000 in Emergency Rental and Utilities Assistance (ERA) program funds to continue a financial assistance program for eligible tenant households.

BACKGROUND:

Guilford County will receive approximately \$20 million in additional Emergency Rental and Utilities Assistance (ERA) funds from the state to assist residents that are unable to pay rent and/or utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The City of Greensboro has expended its ERA program funding due to an overwhelming need for rental and utility assistance for city residents. In order to continue the County's support of the City of Greensboro's ERA program, the County and the City have proposed entering into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) allowing an initial allocation of \$2 million of County ERA funding to the City to be used for eligible rental and utility assistance, with further distributions of up to \$10 million to be made based upon

monthly reimbursement requests for expenses that meet ERA requirements and include all required reporting information.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Up to \$10,000,000 in Emergency Rental Assistance Program funds from Guilford County. Budget Ordinance is on the October 19, 2021 City Council agenda.

ACCOUNT NUMBER:

212-2196-01

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

It is recommended that City Council authorize entering into an inter-local agreement (Memorandum of Understanding) with Guilford County for up to \$10,000,000 in Emergency Rental and Utilities Assistance program funds to continue a financial assistance program for eligible tenant households and to authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement documents.