

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS
AS APPROVED BY ANN ARBOR CITY COUNCIL
ON MAY 15, 2023**

Amendment 1

Amendment to Appropriate \$400,000 from FY 2024 Marijuana Excise Tax Rebate for Comprehensive Trauma-Informed Supportive Services and Case Management for Returning Citizens and Residents Impacted by the Criminal Legal System with Tenant-Based Vouchers

Whereas, There is \$1,100,000 in unallocated revenue from the Marijuana Excise Tax Rebate funds in the General Fund fund balance;

Whereas In 2021, Council resolved in R-21-098 that the City of Ann Arbor recognized “Federal laws related to cannabis/marijuana have disproportionately targeted people of color, disadvantaged communities of color, and people of lower socio-economic status” and “Public policy around cannabis/marijuana has systematically and punitively impacted generations of individuals in terms of public housing and student financial aid eligibility, employment opportunities, child custody determinations, and immigration status;”

Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor has a long-standing commitment to social justice, equity, and inclusivity;

Whereas, Addressing past harms and systemic barriers is crucial for promoting equity and creating a more inclusive and just community;

Whereas, Returning citizens and those impacted by the criminal legal system are disproportionately Black and Brown individuals who have been unfairly targeted and convicted for drug offenses, particularly marijuana, leading to disparities in conviction rates and perpetuating systemic racism;

Whereas, Returning citizens and those impacted by the criminal legal system often face significant trauma and mental health challenges as a result of their experiences with the criminal legal system, including incarceration, violence, and discrimination;

Whereas, Returning citizens face multiple challenges during the reintegration process, including housing instability, unemployment, lack of access to education and training, and mental health and substance abuse issues;

Whereas, Comprehensive trauma-informed supportive services and case management have been shown to be effective in reducing recidivism, addressing systemic barriers, improving the mental health and well-being of returning citizens and their families, and promoting economic growth;

Whereas, Comprehensive trauma-informed supportive services can help to address the past harms and disparities in conviction rates by providing support for returning citizens to successfully reintegrate into their communities;

Whereas, Providing comprehensive trauma-informed supportive services and case management to returning citizens and those impacted by the criminal legal system with tenant-based vouchers in Ann Arbor can help break the cycle of trauma within families and promote a more inclusive, safe, and resilient community for all residents; and

Whereas, Providing comprehensive trauma-informed supportive services and case management to returning citizens and those impacted by the criminal legal system with tenant-based vouchers in Ann Arbor can help to promote stable housing, improve employment opportunities, and increase access to education and training; and

RESOLVED, That City Council appropriates \$400,000 of the Marijuana Excise Tax Rebate from the General Fund fund balance to the FY 2024 General Fund Ann Arbor Housing Commission budget as follows:

- \$400,000 for Trauma Informed Supportive Services including Case Management Services prioritizing individuals impacted by the Criminal Legal System with Tenant-Based Housing Choice Vouchers, including returning citizens.

RESOLVED, That the amounts authorized herein may be used without regard to fiscal year;

RESOLVED, That City Council directs the City Administrator to distribute the funds to the Ann Arbor Housing Development Corporation, allowing coordination with other partner organizations to distribute the funds in the most effective manner possible and that subsequent to the distribution, the Ann Arbor Housing Development Corporation and the City will enter into a Grant Agreement detailing the reporting mechanism for how the funds will be distributed;

RESOLVED, That these funds will be used to provide a range of supportive services, including but not limited to, mental health counseling, peer support groups, substance abuse treatment, life skills training, financial counseling, educational opportunities, transportation assistance, legal assistance, housing advocacy, health care coordination, and case management services, from providers trained in trauma-informed care;

RESOLVED, That the Ann Arbor Housing Development Corporation may use up to five percent (5%) of the aforementioned funds for administrative costs related to providing trauma informed supportive services with priority for returning citizens and individuals impacted by the criminal legal system.

Sponsors: Harrison, Ghazi Edwin, Song, & Cornell

Approved on a Voice Vote.

Amendment 2

Amendment to Appropriate \$100,000 from Marijuana Excise Tax Revenue to the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County

Whereas, City Council unanimously passed Resolution R-21-098 on March 15, 2021, defining how Marijuana Excise Tax revenue should be expended on an annual basis; and

Whereas, The Shelter Association of Washtenaw County (SAWC) is the primary provider of services and emergency shelter for around 1200 Washtenaw County individuals each year; and

Whereas, The SAWC is housed at the Robert J. Delonis Center in downtown Ann Arbor; and

Whereas, The SAWC works with a diverse range of people struggling with homelessness, including first-time homelessness, veterans, domestic violence survivors, and people battling substance use disorders and mental health issues; and

Whereas, In November 2022 City Council approved an expenditure of \$72,000 for winter emergency shelter and warming center response cycle for 2022 - 2023 to SAWC (R-22-371);

Whereas, SAWC experienced a 20% increase in winter sheltering needs last winter, and anticipates increased demand for shelter and services this coming year; and

Whereas, The work of SAWC at Delonis Center is critically important to our community, and is inclusive of several guiding principles enumerated in Resolution R-21-098;

RESOLVED, That City Council appropriate \$100,000, on a non-recurring basis, from the Marijuana Excise Tax Revenue of the General Fund fund balance to the FY 2024 General Fund Community Development budget, for the purpose of supporting the work of the Robert J. Delonis Center provided by the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County.

Sponsors: Briggs, Radina, Cornell, Watson, & Akmon

Approved on a Voice Vote.

Amendment 3

Amendment to Appropriate \$500,000 from FY 2024 Marijuana Excise Tax Rebate to Eviction Prevention and Low-Income Youth Services

Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor and the Ann Arbor Housing Commission allocate funding to community-based organizations for the purpose of delivering important human services; and

Whereas, There is \$1,100,000 in unallocated revenue from Marijuana Excise Tax Rebate funds in the General Fund fund balance; and

Whereas In 2021, Council resolved in [R-21-098](#) to allocate this revenue "for such purposes specifically related to restorative and alternative strategies for public safety and community support;" and

Whereas, There is an immediate and underfunded need for eviction protection and youth services in the City and County, felt acutely by low income and BIPOC communities; and

Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor dedicated \$1,000,000 from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for housing our homeless and \$1,682,230 towards Washtenaw County's New Human Services Partnership for basic safety net services in April 2022 ([R-22-096](#)), to be spent by 2026; and

Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor is the only municipal partner contributing general fund dollars to Washtenaw County's New Human Services Partnership despite increasing demands on social service agency providers; and

Whereas, The City is engaged with Washtenaw County to allocate, through the New Human Services Partnership High Impact Grant program, up to \$330,000 in 5-year commitments, to organizations with the goals of impacting Poverty, Racism and Trauma; and

Whereas, The City seeks to build on that effort, providing further funding for eviction prevention and youth services; and

RESOLVED, The City Council hereby appropriates \$500,000 of the Marijuana Excise Tax Rebate funds from the General Fund fund balance to the FY 2024 General Fund Ann Arbor Housing Commission budget as follows:

- \$250,000 for eviction prevention
- \$250,000 for low-income youth services; and

RESOLVED, That the amounts authorized herein may be used without regard to fiscal year; and

RESOLVED, That City Council directs the City Administrator to distribute the funds to the Ann Arbor Housing Development Corporation and that subsequent to the distribution, the Ann Arbor Housing Development Corporation and the City will enter into a Grant Agreement detailing the reporting mechanism for how the funds will be distributed; and

RESOLVED, That the Ann Arbor Housing Development Corporation may use up to five percent (5%) of the aforementioned funds for administrative costs related to providing eviction prevention and low-income youth services.

Sponsors: Watson, Harrison, Ghazi Edwin, Song, & Briggs

Approved on a Voice Vote.

Amendment 4

Recognition of Parks Fairness Resolution with Budget Amendments

Whereas, On May 17, 2010, Council passed a resolution (R-10-150) adopting policy guidance for the administration of the Parks Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage that, among other things, that the General Fund Parks & Recreation budget be increased at the same percentage as the average General Fund overall budget percentage increase;

Whereas, On May 16, 2011, Council passed resolution R-11-186 amending the policy guidance; and

Whereas, On August 9, 2012, Council reaffirmed via resolution R-12-382, their intent to administer the Parks Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage policy adopted per resolution R-11-186 for the duration of the current millage;

Whereas, On August 9, 2018, Council reaffirmed via resolution R-18-307, their intent to administer the Parks Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage policy adopted per resolution R-11-186 for the duration of the current millage;

Whereas, The Parks General Fund budget should be increased \$205,420.00 to ensure compliance with the 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2018 resolutions;

RESOLVED, That the General Fund Parks FY 2024 expenditure budget be amended to increase \$205,420.00 to be funded as a one-time expenditure from the General Fund fund balance.

Sponsors: Radina & Watson

Approved on a Voice Vote.
