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### Resolution to Approve Amendment to the Housing Voucher Administrative Plan Chapter 6: Income and Subsidy Determinations

The Ann Arbor Housing Commission's Housing Choice Voucher program uses the family's income to determine eligibility for assistance and is also used to calculate the family's payment and the PHA's subsidy. HUD regulations specify the sources of income to include and exclude to arrive at a family's annual income.

The City of Ann Arbor received funding from the federal government as part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and decided to use \$1.6 million of the money for a guaranteed income pilot program; and

City of Ann Arbor Council voted June 5 to approve an agreement with the University of Michigan's Poverty Solutions to pilot a guaranteed basic income program aimed at low- and moderate-income entrepreneurs in Ann Arbor. The Ann Arbor Housing Commission has partnered with the University of Michigan Poverty and Solution department to exclude payments received from the Guaranteed Income Pilot Program in the calculation of family's annual income. Staff recommend that the board approve the administrative plan to include guaranteed income as an excluded source of income.

### Revised Policy

#### ***Guaranteed Income***

Amounts received from the income pilot program are excluded from annual income. The City of Ann Arbor received funding from the federal government as part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and decided (in part based on resident feedback) to use \$1.6 million of the money for a guaranteed income pilot program.

Guaranteed Income to Grow Ann Arbor (GIG A2) is a two-year guaranteed income pilot program that provides monthly payments of \$528 to 100 entrepreneurs with low and very low incomes in Ann Arbor. Guaranteed Income is applicable to Ann Arbor entrepreneur, small business owner, gig worker, or someone with a side hustle. Guaranteed Income to Grow Ann Arbor would provide \$528 a month for 24 months to support well-being, economic stability, or business.

#### PHA Policy

To qualify for this pilot program, eligibility is determined by the University of Michigan Poverty Solutions department. Not all participants will receive the monthly payments. Monthly payments received from this pilot program is excluded from annual income.

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WHEREAS, The City of Ann Arbor received funding from the federal government as part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and decided to use \$1.6 million of the money for a guaranteed income pilot program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ann Arbor Council voted June 5 to approve an agreement with the University of Michigan's Poverty Solutions to pilot a guaranteed basic income program aimed at low- and moderate-income entrepreneurs in Ann Arbor; and

WHEREAS, the University of Michigan Poverty Solutions have requested that guaranteed income payments not affect benefits received by voucher participants; and

WHEREAS, The Ann Arbor Housing Commission's Housing Choice Voucher program uses the family's income to determines eligibility for assistance; and

WHEREAS, Housing Choice Voucher program uses the family's income to calculate the family's payment and the PHA's subsidy; and

WHEREAS, HUD regulations specify the sources of income to include and exclude to arrive at a family's annual income; and

WHEREAS, AAHC must adopt policies for determining policies to determine how to calculate the families income; and

WHEREAS, the AAHC has partnered with the University of Michigan Poverty Solutions to excluded payments received from the Guaranteed Income Pilot Program; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Ann Arbor Housing Commission accept and approve the proposed administrative plan changes, which will be effective November 1, 2023.