

ORDINANCE NO. 039 -2022

AN ORDINANCE CREATING SECTION 12-11 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATED TO HOUSING REPAIR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO DEFINE QUALIFIED OWNER; CREATING SECTION 12-12 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATED TO HOUSING REPAIR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STATE THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM; CREATING SECTION 12-13 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATED TO HOUSING REPAIR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ESTABLISH THE HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM; CREATING SECTION 12-14 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATED TO HOUSING REPAIR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ASSIGN ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM TO THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Council to establish a Housing Repair Financial Assistance Program to financially assist qualified property owners with home repairs.

Section 1- That Section 12-11 of the Code of Ordinances of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government be and hereby is created:

Housing Repair Financial Assistance.

Definitions: *Qualified property owner* means any person owning and residing in residential property who meets an assets test and has an annual income equal to or less than eighty (80) percent of the Area Median Income as published annually by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) and in effect at the time of application. The Division of Code Enforcement shall produce a set of program policies and procedures, updated annually, which define the process for calculating assets and household income for the purposes of this program.

Section 2- That Section 12-12 of the Code of Ordinances of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government be and hereby is created:

Purpose.

It is the purpose of the Housing Assistance Grant Program to enable the Urban County Government to assist qualified residential property owners notified pursuant to section 2B-6 to comply with their home repair duties and responsibilities as set forth in section 12-1.

Section 3- That Section 12-13 of the Code of Ordinances of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government be and hereby is created:

Housing Assistance Grant Program.

(a) The Housing Assistance Grant Program is hereby established, subject to annual appropriations by the Urban County Council, to provide housing repair grants to qualified owners of residential property notified pursuant to section 2B-6. The program will continue each fiscal year as long as appropriated funds remain available.

(b) Qualified property owners notified pursuant to section 2B-6 may receive a grant for repair of their residential property as required by section 12-1. The Division of Code Enforcement shall establish program policies & procedures which set the maximum assistance available per property with exceptions to be approved by the Commissioner for Housing Advocacy and Community Development.

Section 4- That Section 12-14 of the Code of Ordinances of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government be and hereby is created:

Administration.

The Commissioner of the Department of Housing Advocacy and Community Development shall be responsible for administration of the program consistent with all provisions of section 12-11 through 12-13.


Section 5- That this Ordinance shall become effective on the date of its passage.

PASSED URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL: May 5, 2022



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CLERK OF THE URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL
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