

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia, Request For Environmental Review Approval
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to execute an approval of an environmental review for the building and site improvements for Elizabeth Canty Homes and Warren Williams/Rivers Homes, Columbus, Georgia funded by 2021 Capital Fund Program (CFP)/Moving to Work (MTW) funds.
INITIATED BY:	Community Reinvestment

Recommendation: Approval is requested to execute an approval of an environmental review for the building and site improvements for Elizabeth Canty Homes and Warren Williams/Rivers Homes, Columbus, Georgia funded by 2021 Capital Fund Program (CFP)/Moving to Work (MTW) funds. The City Manager's signature is required because the City of Columbus is the Federal grantee of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development dollars.

Background: Housing Authority of Columbus Georgia (HACG) will be conducting necessary critical repairs/renovations at Elizabeth Canty Homes and Warren Williams/Rivers Homes utilizing 2021 Capital Fund Program (CFP)/Moving to Work (MTW) funds. The modernization/repair of Elizabeth Canty Homes will include items such as administration, operations, fees and costs for appliances, equipment, security enhancements, information technology improvements, sewer and water line repair, HVAC repair/replacement, landscape repair, exterior doors, windows repair/replacement, electrical repair /replacement, roof repair/replacement and painting. The modernization/repair of Warren Williams/Rivers Homes will include items such as administration, operations, fees and costs for appliances, equipment, security enhancements, information technology improvements, sewer and water line repair, HVAC repair/replacement, landscape repair, exterior doors, windows repair/replacement, electrical repair /replacement, roof repair/replacement and painting. In order to access the Federal funding for both projects, as the City of Columbus is the Responsible Entity, The Department of Housing and Urban Development is requesting City Manager signature approving the environmental review, which will trigger the release of funds for these projects. The letter states that both projects are exempt from HUD's environmental review approval requirements. Both projects were found to be categorically excluded subject to the laws and authorities listed in 24 CFR 58.5 pursuant to 24 CFR 57.35(a), per the following citation(s): 58.35(a)(3)(ii). In the case of multifamily residential buildings: (A) Unit density is not changed more than 20 percent; (B) The project does not involve changes in land use from residential to non-residential; and (C) The estimated cost of rehabilitation is less than 75

percent of the total estimated cost of replacement after rehabilitation. City Manager signature is needed since the City of Columbus is the responsible entity for HUD funding.

Analysis: A resolution is needed to allow the City Manager signature approving the environmental review, which will trigger the release of funds for these projects.

Financial Considerations: \$2,519,060.00 in HUD funding will be released for modernization projects at Warren Williams-Rivers Homes and Elizabeth Canty Homes.

Legal Considerations: Any agreement involving City of Columbus requires Council approval.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to allow the City Manager to execute an approval of an environmental review for the building and site improvements for Elizabeth Canty Homes and Warren Williams/Rivers Homes, Columbus, Georgia funded by 2021 Capital Fund Program (CFP)/Moving to Work (MTW) funds.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN APPROVAL OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FOR THE BUILDING AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS FOR WARREN WILLIAMS – RIVERS HOMES AND ELIZABETH CANTY HOMES COLUMBUS, GEORGIA FUNDED BY 2021 CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM (CFP) / MOVING TO WORK (MTW) FUNDS.

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has provided Capital Fund Program / Moving To Work (MTW) funding to the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia (HACG) for affordable housing development; and,

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia (HACG) requested a Request For Release of Funds (RROF) from The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the modernization of Warren Williams / Rivers Homes and Elizabeth Canty Homes; and,

WHEREAS, The City Manager's signature is required because the City of Columbus as the Federal grantee of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) dollars, is the Responsible Entity for approving environmental reviews.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute an approval of an environmental review for the building modernization and site improvements for Warren Williams / Rivers Homes and Elizabeth Canty Homes to gain access to \$2,519,060 in the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of December 2021 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____.
Councilor Barnes voting	_____.
Councilor Crabb voting	_____.
Councilor Davis voting	_____.
Councilor Garrett voting	_____.
Councilor House voting	_____.
Councilor Huff voting	_____.
Councilor Thomas voting	_____.
Councilor Tucker voting	_____.
Councilor Woodson voting	_____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Mayor