



# TOWN OF FAIRFAX

## STAFF REPORT

### October 21, 2020

**TO:** Mayor and Town Council

**FROM:** Garrett Toy, Town Manager

**SUBJECT:** Receive report on the status of Residential Rental Assistance Program to assist extremely low-income renters whose household incomes were adversely affected by COVID-19 and who are at risk of homelessness

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. Authorize staff to create a Residential Rental Assistance Program (Program).
2. Appropriate General Fund Reserves and reallocate funding from the Business Recovery fund to fund the Program.

#### **DISCUSSION**

At the August 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Council approved the creation of a rental assistance program for residents and allocated \$60,000 for the program. The purpose of the program is to help residents in need whose household incomes are adversely impacted by COVID-19. The program is modeled after the County program, which was limited to extremely low-income households (i.e., earning 30% or less of median income adjusted for household size) and who were also at-risk of homelessness. St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) and Ritter Center both volunteered to administer the program on behalf of the Town. For simplicity, the funding was split between SVdP and Ritter Center. The two non-profits coordinate their efforts to ensure there is no duplication of services to residents.

Depending on when we receive all the information, we will either issue a supplemental staff report prior to the meeting or make a verbal report at the meeting.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

\$60,000 allocated to the program.