

BY AUTHORITY

ORDINANCE NO.
SERIES OF 2023

COUNCIL BILL NO. CB23-1325
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
Safety, Housing, Education & Homelessness

A BILL

For an ordinance making a cash transfer from the Coronavirus Emergency Response Special Revenue Fund to the General Fund and authorizing appropriations in the Housing Stability General Fund.

WHEREAS, the City and County of Denver has in place a state of emergency regarding unsheltered residents, as initiated by Mayor Mike Johnston and approved by Denver City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City’s 2022 Point in Time Count (annual survey of the number of people experiencing homelessness) counted more than 1,300 residents unsheltered and living outdoors on a single night in January; and

WHEREAS, the number of unsheltered individuals has increased year-over-year and is expected to continue to increase; and

WHEREAS, the increasing number of people living unsheltered in the City creates significant public health and safety risks due to the lack of available services and the associated impacts of encampments created in spaces that are not intended for habitation; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 293, Series of 2020, established the Coronavirus Emergency Response Special Revenue Fund to support General Fund agencies’ response to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the revenue to the Coronavirus Emergency Response Special Revenue Fund was General Fund transfers and transfers from TABOR Reserves; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 293, Series of 2020 authorized the Chief Financial Officer to transfer cash balances to the General Fund after the City’s response to the pandemic is complete; and

WHEREAS, the federal government declared the emergency to be over in May of 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to transfer the remaining cash balance from the Coronavirus Emergency Response Special Revenue Fund (SRF) to the Department of Housing Stability’s General Fund appropriation to support Mayor Johnston’s *House 1000 Initiative*;

1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY**
2 **OF DENVER:**

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4 **Section 1:** There is hereby authorized the transfer of cash in the amount indicated in the
5 following tabulation:

<u>Accounting Number</u>	<u>Appropriation Account</u>	<u>Expending Authority</u>	<u>Amount Transferred Out</u>
11878-2560000	Coronavirus Emergency Response SRF	Chief Financial Officer	\$8,000,000

<u>Accounting Number</u>	<u>Appropriation Account</u>	<u>Expending Authority</u>	<u>Amount Transferred In</u>
01010-0144000	Department of Housing Stability	Executive Director of Housing Stability	\$8,000,000

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8 The forgoing is to make a cash transfer in an amount equal to the remaining cash balance in the
9 Coronavirus Emergency Response SRF to the Department of Housing Stability's General Fund
10 appropriation. This amount is estimated to be approximately \$8.0 million but may be adjusted as
11 transactions are finalized.

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13 **Section 2.** From the General Fund, Accounting No. 01010, out of monies transferred in Section
14 1 and not otherwise appropriated and in addition to amounts heretofore appropriated by Ordinance
15 No. 1446, Series of 2022, and any supplemental appropriations or rescissions, there is hereby
16 appropriated to the appropriation accounts hereinafter designated the amount of money, following
17 such designation, to be expended for the purposes and upon the authorizations in said Ordinance
18 set forth:

<u>Accounting Number</u>	<u>Appropriation Account</u>	<u>Expending Authority</u>	<u>Amount Appropriated</u>
01010-0144000	Department of Housing Stability	Executive Director of Housing Stability	\$8,000,000

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20 This amount reflects the transfer authorized in Section 1 and is estimated to be approximately \$8.0
21 million. The amount may be adjusted as transactions in the Coronavirus Emergency Response SRF
22 are finalized.


1 **Section 3.** The Chief Financial Officer of the City and County of Denver is hereby authorized
2 and directed to make such book and record entries and to do such other things as may be necessary
3 to accomplish the purposes of this Ordinance.

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7 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: September 27, 2023

8 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: N/A

9 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL: October 9, 2023

10  _____ - PRESIDENT

11 APPROVED:  Michael C. Johnston (Oct 11, 2023 16:15 MDT) - MAYOR Oct 11, 2023

12 ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
13 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
14 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

15 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL: _____ ; _____

16 PREPARED BY: Nikki McCabe, Budget and Management Office DATE: September 28, 2023

17 Pursuant to section 13-9, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of the
18 City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form and have no legal objection to the proposed
19 ordinance. The proposed ordinance is not submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to §
20 3.2.6 of the Charter.

21 Kerry Tipper, Denver City Attorney

22 BY: , Assistant City Attorney DATE: Sep 28, 2023

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