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9 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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12 To amend, on an emergency basis, due to congressional review the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget
13 Support Act of 2024, the Fiscal Year 2024 Revised Local Budget Act of 2024, and the
14 Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Support Emergency Act of 2024-to establish grounds for an
15 extension to the Family Re-Housing Stabilization Program (FRSP), whereby the
16 Department or its designee will thoroughly consider the totality of the participant's
17 circumstances, including their progress and eligibility for affordable housing, should
18 funding be available in the program to do so.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
21 Act may be cited as the “Family Re-Housing Stabilization Program Protection Congressional
22 Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2024”.

23 Sec. 2. Sec. 5062(a) of the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Support Act of 2024, passed on 2nd
24 reading on June 25, 2024 (Enrolled version of B25-0784), is amended to read as follows:

25 “(a) Section 7(b)(4)(B) of the Homeless Services Reform Act, effective October 22,
26 2005 (D.C. Law 16-35; D.C. Official Code § 4-753.01(b)(4)(B)), is amended as follows:

27 (1) The existing text is designated as sub-subparagraph (i).

28 (2) New sub-subparagraphs (ii), (iii), and (iv) are added to read as follows:

29 “(ii) Notwithstanding other law, provided that funding be available
30 within the Family Re-Housing Stabilization Program (“FRSP”) to implement this sub-
31 subparagraph and sub-subparagraphs (iii) and (iv) of this subparagraph, the Department of
32 Human Services, or the Department’s designee, shall consider requests for FRSP assistance
33 extending past 12 months if:

34 “(I) The participant has requested an extension in writing;

35 “(II) The participant has made a good faith effort towards

36 the achievement of goals set forth in an individualized plan with the aim of a targeted

37 progression towards exit from the supports of FRSP, as observed by the service provider at

38 consistent intervals, but cannot yet sustain housing stability independently of the program; and

39 “(III) The participant has not yet been approved for

40 permanently affordable housing.

41 “(iii) When making a determination of whether to grant a

42 participant in FRSP an extension beyond 12 months, the Department or Department's designee

43 shall:

44 “(I) Consider the totality of the circumstances; and

45 “(II) Grant extensions of time in increments not greater

46 than 6 months, with regular formal reviews every 3 months to ensure that participants are given

47 the support necessary to exit the program with stable housing.”

48 “(iv) If a requested extension of FRSP assistance by a participant is

49 denied, the participant shall be given 30 days written notice prior to the final subsidy payment

50 explicitly setting forth the reason for the denial of additional assistance and inform the

51 participant that:

52 “(I) The FRSP participant has a right to appeal the

53 determination through a fair hearing and administrative review, including deadlines for

54 requesting an appeal; and

55 “(II) The FRSP participant has a right to continuation of
56 FRSP services pending the outcome of any fair hearing requested within 15 days of receipt of
57 written notice of a termination”.”

58 Sec. 3. Section 11(a) of the Fiscal Year 2024 Revised Local Budget Adjustment
59 Emergency Act of 2024, passed on June 12, 2024 (Enrolled version of Bill 25-787), is amended
60 to read as follows:

61 “(a) Section 7(b)(4)(B) of the Homeless Services Reform Act, effective October 22, 2005
62 (D.C. Law 16-35; D.C. Official Code § 4-753.01(b)(4)(B)), is amended as follows:

63 (1) The existing text is designated as sub-subparagraph (i).

64 (2) New sub-subparagraphs (ii), (iii), and (iv) are added to read as follows:

65 “(ii) Notwithstanding other law, provided that funding be available
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67 subparagraph and sub-subparagraphs (iii) and (iv) of this subparagraph, ¶the Department of
68 Human Services, or the Department’s designee, shall consider requests for FRSP assistance
69 extending past 12 months if:

70 “(I) The participant has requested an extension in writing;

71 “(II) The participant has made a good faith effort towards
72 the achievement of goals set forth in an individualized plan with the aim of a targeted
73 progression towards exit from the supports of FRSP, as observed by the service provider at
74 consistent intervals, but cannot yet sustain housing stability independently of the program; and

75 “(III) The participant has not yet been approved for
76 permanently affordable housing.

77 “(iii) When making a determination of whether to grant a
78 participant in FRSP an extension beyond 12 months, the Department or Department's designee
79 shall:

80 “(I) Consider the totality of the circumstances; and

81 “(II) Grant extensions of time in increments not greater
82 than 6 months, with regular formal reviews every 3 months to ensure that participants are given
83 the support necessary to exit the program with stable housing.”

84 “(iv) If a requested extension of FRSP assistance by a participant is
85 denied, the participant shall be given 30 days written notice prior to the final subsidy payment
86 explicitly setting forth the reason for the denial of additional assistance and inform the
87 participant that:

88 “(I) The FRSP participant has a right to appeal the
89 determination through a fair hearing and administrative review, including deadlines for
90 requesting an appeal; and

91 “(II) The FRSP participant has a right to continuation of
92 FRSP services pending the outcome of any fair hearing requested within 15 days of receipt of
93 written notice of a termination”.”

94 Sec. 4. Sec. 5062(a) of the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Support Emergency Act of 2024,
95 passed on June 25, 2024 (Enrolled version of B25-0875), is amended to read as follows:

96 “(a) Section 7(b)(4)(B) of the Homeless Services Reform Act, effective October 22,
97 2005 (D.C. Law 16-35; D.C. Official Code § 4-753.01(b)(4)(B)), is amended as follows:

98 (1) The existing text is designated as sub-subparagraph (i).

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