

**MOTION**

**NO. M-26-241**

**CITY HALL: June 18, 2026**

**BY: COUNCILMEMBERS WILLARD, MORRELL, MCCARRON, HARRIS, KING, GREEN AND HUGHES**

**WHEREAS**, Section 6-201(2)(d) of the Home Rule Charter of the City of New Orleans provides for a Housing Trust Fund, into which an amount equal to not less than two percent of the annual general fund operating budget shall be appropriated and used exclusively to ensure the availability of affordable housing for low- to moderate-income residents of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, in City Code §§ 70-415.338—415.343 of the City Code, the City Council created the eponymous special fund, including an advisory committee to counsel and advise on appropriations from the Housing Trust Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to City Code § 70-415.338(d)(2), the Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee submitted, and on December 1, 2025 the Council approved, its 2025 Annual Report with a proposed budget and implementation plan for 2026 based on a proposed general fund operating budget of \$725,566,564; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council subsequently adopted 2026 budget ordinances that recognized \$74,183,436 in additional revenue, yielding an adopted general fund operating budget of \$799,750,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee submitted an amendment, dated May 20, 2026, to its 2025 Annual Report to account for the difference between the proposed and adopted budgets, two percent of which amounts to \$1,495,000; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to City Code § 70-415.340(b), no more than five percent of the annual appropriation may be reserved for “rainy day” funds, and no more than ten percent may be

reserved for fund administration, leaving at least 85%, or \$1,270,750, reserved as “program funds”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee recommends that 50% of the \$1,270,750 in additional program funds be devoted to the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority’s owner-occupied roof rehab program and 50% be devoted to the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority’s homeownership construction subsidy program, both of which are programs included in the Committee’s 2026 budget and implementation plan approved by the Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council agrees with the Committee that, to ease implementation, the additional revenue should be allocated to existing programs or programs familiar to both the fund administrators and their partners; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council further agrees that, for the additional owner-occupied roof rehab funds, the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority should prioritize recipients of the Louisiana Fortify Homes Program grant with incomes below 120% of the area median income (AMI) who face a gap between the grant award and the cost of a fortified roof, to better leverage state grant dollars for Orleans Parish residents; **NOW, THEREFORE**

**BE IT MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS**, That, the 2025 New Orleans Housing Trust Fund Annual Report Amendment, dated May 20, 2026 as prepared and submitted by the Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee, wherein the Committee proposes a budget and implementation plan for the additional revenue recognized in the adopted 2026 operating budget for the Housing Trust Fund, is hereby approved pursuant to City Code § 70-415.342(e)(2); and

**BE IT FURTHER MOVED**, that the additional funds referenced herein dedicated to the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority's owner-occupied roof rehab program shall be structured as supplemental grants to Louisiana Fortify Homes Program lottery winners with incomes below 120% of AMI, who are deemed eligible to receive a fortified roof and receive a grant from the Louisiana Department of Insurance, and face a gap between Louisiana Fortify Homes Program grant award and the cost of the fortified roof; and

**BE IT FURTHER MOVED**, That the Clerk of Council shall provide a copy of this motion and the 2025 Annual Report Amendment, dated May 20, 2026 as prepared and submitted by the Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee, to Chief Administrative Officer Joseph Giarrusso, Finance Director Alyssa Rambeau, the City Council Fiscal Office, the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority through Brenda Breaux, Executive Director, and Finance New Orleans, through Damon Burns, Chief Executive Officer, for implementation and incorporation into the city's operating budget ordinances for 2026; and

**BE IT FURTHER MOVED**, That the Clerk of Council shall provide a copy of this motion to the Housing Trust Fund Advisory Committee through its co-chairs, Monique Blossom and Ellen Lee.

**THE FOREGOING MOTION WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF, AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:**

**YEAS:**

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:**

**RECUSED:**

**AND THE MOTION, AS AMENDED, WAS ADOPTED.**