

CITY OF VERSAILLES, KENTUCKY
MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2020-12

TITLE: A MUNICIPAL ORDER PROVIDING DETAILS FOR AID TO VERSAILLES RESIDENTS SUFFERING ECONOMIC HARDSHIP DUE TO COVID-19 AND RELATED PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES.

WHEREAS, efforts to promote public health and safety have caused record unemployment; and

WHEREAS, individuals have suffered economic hardships due to the retraction of the economy caused by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City of Versailles has a compelling interest to guard against mass homelessness and utility cutoffs due to people experiencing a decline in income as the result of COVID-19.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the City of Versailles, Kentucky that the following shall apply:

SECTION 1

Ordinance 2020-28 created the Versailles Economic Recovery Act. Part of the Act is intended to prevent homelessness and utility shutoffs of households that have been adversely impacted financially by the COVID-19 pandemic.

SECTION 2

The City of Versailles will enter into an agreement with Blue Grass Community Action Partnership to administer an assistance program for individuals facing economic hardship due to COVID-19 and related public health measures.

SECTION 3

Eligibility for this assistance shall be limited to households within the city limits of Versailles that earn less than 300% of the Federal Poverty Level and prove according to requirements developed by Blue Grass Community Action Partnership and approved by the Mayor that the current hardship is caused by COVID-19 and related public health measures.

SECTION 4

Blue Grass Community Action Partnership may provide assistance for eligible households by direct payment to vendors for the following utility bills that are delinquent:

- a. Water/ Sewer/ Trash
- b. Electric
- c. Natural Gas
- d. Internet
- e. Propane
- f. Kerosene

Eligible households may receive assistance under this section up to two (2) times during the duration of this program and total assistance per household shall be a maximum of \$750.

SECTION 5

Blue Grass Community Action Partnership may provide assistance for eligible households by direct payment to lenders and landlords for rent payments that are delinquent, mortgage payments that are delinquent (including interest and insurance escrow if included in the regular payment) or rental deposits. Each grant must guarantee an additional 30 days of shelter.

Eligible households may receive assistance under this section one time for an amount up to \$750.

SECTION 6

Applications will be created and accepted through BGCAP Community Developer at 200 Park Street, Versailles KY 40383. The developer will use the CATINET database system for client intake and generate a voucher for payments. Applications and program information will be disseminated as widely as possible.

SECTION 7

Blue Grass Community Action Partnership will provide a bi-weekly report for the City of Versailles that includes the number of applications, number of households assisted, and type of expenditures. The names and addresses of households seeking assistance will be considered confidential information.

SECTION 8

All existing policies of Blue Grass Community Action Partnership that relate to applicants and that are not in direct contradiction of this order shall be utilized in the intake process.

Introduced and fully adopted at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Versailles, Kentucky held on June 16, 2020.

APPROVED:

Brian Traugott

BRIAN TRAUOGOTT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Reynolds

ELIZABETH REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK