

A RESOLUTION

25-270

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

October 3, 2023

To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to continue authorization for an option of relief to Family Re-Housing Stabilization Program participants who are exited from the program without having been approved for permanent housing and who have shown good cause.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Family Re-Housing Stabilization Program Protection Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2023”.

Sec. 2. (a) Recent data from the Department of Human Services (“DHS”) reveals that approximately 207 participants of the Family Re-Housing Stabilization Program (“FRSP”) are anticipated to be exited from the program between August 2023 and February 2024 without being matched to housing resources.

(b) According to DHS regulations, FRSP participants have the option to request an extension in the program by providing a written explanation of their need for additional assistance beyond the standard 12 months.

(c) To qualify for an extension, DHS conducts a comprehensive review and requires the participant to demonstrate sincere efforts toward their goals and an inability to maintain housing stability independently.

(d) Legislation codifying existing DHS regulations was passed on an emergency basis through the Family Re-Housing Stabilization Program Protection Emergency Amendment Act of 2023, and on a temporary basis through the Family Re-Housing Stabilization Protection Temporary Amendment Act of 2023.

(e) Considering the ongoing Mayoral review and the 30-day congressional review of the Family Re-Housing Stabilization Protection Temporary Amendment Act of 2023, in addition to the upcoming expiration of the previous emergency on October 29th, 2023, it is of the utmost importance to implement this emergency measure to safeguard against any unintended gaps in legislation.

Sec. 3. The Council determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Family Re-Housing Stabilization Program Protection Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of 2023 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.