

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend the District of Columbia Housing Authority Act of 1999 to establish the Public Housing Rehabilitation Fund to pay for rehabilitation of public housing units, to require the District of Columbia Housing Authority to submit an annual report to the Mayor and the Council by a date certain detailing its planned use of funds in the Public Housing Rehabilitation Fund, and to provide that funds remaining in the Rent Supplement Fund at the end of a fiscal year be transferred to the Public Housing Rehabilitation Fund.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Public Housing Rehabilitation Amendment Act of 2016”.

Sec. 2. Title II of the District of Columbia Housing Authority Act of 1999, effective May 9, 2000 (D.C. Law 13-105; D.C. Official Code § 6-201 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) A new section 3a is added to read as follows:

“Sec. 3a. Public Housing Rehabilitation Fund; annual reporting requirement.

“(a)(1) There is established as a special fund the Public Housing Rehabilitation Fund (“Fund”), which shall be used to reimburse the Authority for the purposes set forth in paragraph (3) of this subsection.

“(2) The following funds shall be deposited into the Fund:

“(A) Annual appropriations;

36                                   “(B) At the end of every fiscal year, all unobligated funds remaining in the  
37 Rent Supplement Fund, established by section 26a;

38                                   “(C) Any other funds received by the District for the purpose of repairing,  
39 rehabilitating, or renovating public housing; and

40                                   “(D) Any interest earned on the funds in the Fund.

41                                   “(3)(A) The Fund shall be used for repairs, rehabilitation, and renovation of  
42 public housing units that are needed to prevent occupied public housing units from becoming  
43 uninhabitable and to make vacant public housing units habitable for homeless families; provided,  
44 that these funds shall be used only for public housing units that are planned to remain in the  
45 Authority’s inventory.

46                                   “(B) The Fund shall not be used to fund the repair, rehabilitation, or  
47 renovation of any units planned for demolition or transfer out of the Authority’s inventory.

48                                   “(4)(A) The funds deposited into the Fund, and interest earned, shall not revert to  
49 the unrestricted fund balance of the General Fund of the District of Columbia at the end of a  
50 fiscal year, or at any other time.

51                                   “(B) Subject to authorization in an approved budget and financial plan,  
52 any funds appropriated in the Fund shall be continually available without regard to fiscal year  
53 limitation.

54                                   “(b) By March 1 of each year, the Authority shall submit a comprehensive report to the  
55 Mayor and the Council that details:

56                                   “(1) How the funds in the Fund were used in the prior fiscal year and in the  
57 first quarter of the current fiscal year;

58                               “(2) The Authority’s planned use of funds in the Fund for the succeeding  
59 fiscal year, identifying the:

60   “(A) Address of the each public housing unit to be repaired,  
61 rehabilitated, or renovated, including the:

62   “(i) Occupancy status of the units; and

63   “(ii) Estimated cost of the repair, rehabilitation, or  
64 renovation; and

65   “(iii) Share of the cost, if any, to be financed by the federal  
66 government.”

67               (b) Section 26a(d)(1) (D.C. Official Code § 6-226(d)(1)) is amended by striking the last  
68 two sentences and inserting the following sentences in their place:

69               “All revenues, grants, receipts, or other funds specifically identified or required by any  
70 provision of District of Columbia law to be paid into the Fund and any funds appropriated for the  
71 Rent Supplement Program by an approved budget and financial plan, and all interest earned on  
72 those funds, shall be deposited in the Fund and used solely to fund grants and provide assistance  
73 as set forth in this section and section 26b. The funds deposited into the Fund, and the interest  
74 earned, shall not revert to the General Fund of the District of Columbia at the end of a fiscal  
75 year, or at any other time. At the end of each fiscal year, all unobligated funds in the Fund shall  
76 be transferred to the Public Housing Rehabilitation Fund. The Mayor may initiate a  
77 reprogramming of funds from the Fund to the Public Housing Rehabilitation Fund, pursuant to  
78 sections 361 through 366 of Title 47 of the District of Columbia Official Code.”

79               Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

80           The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal  
81 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,  
82 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

83           Sec. 4. Effective date.

84           This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
85 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as  
86 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December  
87 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of  
88 Columbia Register.