

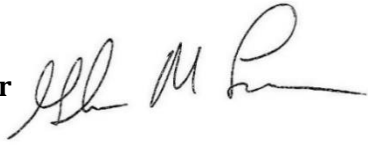
Government of the District of Columbia
Office of the Chief Financial Officer



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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Glen Lee
Chief Financial Officer 

DATE: July 3, 2024

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Flexible Rent Subsidy Pilot Program Rules
Approval Resolution of 2024

REFERENCE: PR 25-731, as introduced

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2024 budget and the fiscal year 2025 through fiscal year 2028 budget and financial plan to implement the resolution.

Background

The Department of Human Services (DHS) operates the Flexible Rent Subsidy Pilot Program (“DC Flex”), which aims to help participants avoid eviction and homelessness by providing an annual cash amount they can draw down as needed to pay part or all of their rent. The resolution would approve updated program rules establishing program requirements and procedures. These updated rules include changes allowing single-person households to participate; reducing the minimum head of household age to 18 years; establishing 40 percent Median Family Income as the income level that can establish a participant would be at risk of homelessness; and establishing a \$8,400 yearly subsidy for family households.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2024 budget and the fiscal year 2025 through fiscal year 2028 budget and financial plan to implement the resolution. The resolution makes permanent rules adopted by DHS on August 1, 2023 on an emergency basis and currently used to implement DC Flex.