

ORDINANCE #68816
Board Bill No. 152
Floor Substitute

An ordinance pertaining to the collection of funds to assist in the City's efforts to eliminate homelessness **and to provide utility assistance to low income families**; authorizing the Comptroller to establish an "St. Louis Hope for the Homeless Fund" to assist in eliminating homelessness in the City of St. Louis **and establish an "Heat-Up St. Louis Fund" to provide emergency utility assistance for the health and safety of low income families**; directing the Collector of Revenue to transfer to the Comptroller any amount of money in excess of the amount due on any water bill, personal property or real estate tax bill in the City of St. Louis which is designated by any person, firm or corporation for the "St. Louis Hope for the Homeless Fund" program **and the "Heat-Up St. Louis Fund" program**; the depositing of "St. Louis Hope for the Homeless Fund" **and "Heat-Up St. Louis Fund"** funds; and the use of "St. Louis Hope for the Homeless Fund" **and "Heat-Up St. Louis Fund"** funds.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE. St. Louis Hope for the Homeless Fund **and Heat-Up St. Louis Fund** established

The Comptroller is authorized and directed to establish a fund to be designated as the "St. Louis Hope for the Homeless Fund" for the purpose eliminating homelessness in the City of St. Louis. **The Comptroller is authorized and directed to establish a fund to be designated as the "Heat-Up St. Louis Fund" to provide emergency utility assistance for the health and safety of low income families.** All interest earned by the funds deposited in such special accounts shall be retained in the account to be appropriated according to provisions of this ordinance. All expenditures from such funds shall be appropriated in accordance with applicable law.

SECTION TWO. Excess payment disposition.

When any person, firm or corporation participating in the "St. Louis Hope for the Homeless Fund" **or the "Heat-Up St. Louis Fund"** program pays an amount in excess of the amount due on any water bill, personal property or real estate tax bill the Collector of Revenue shall remit to the Comptroller the excess amount on a monthly basis.

SECTION THREE. Deposit in St. Louis Hope for the Homeless Fund **and Heat-Up St. Louis Fund.**

The Comptroller, upon receipt of such excess payments designated for the "St. Louis Hope for the Homeless Fund" program remitted by the collector, shall place said receipted payments in the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, as defined under Ordinance 65132, codified in Section 3.59 of the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis. **The Comptroller, upon receipt of such excess payments designated for the "Heat-Up St. Louis Fund" program remitted by the collector, shall place said receipted payments in the "Heat-Up St. Louis Fund" established in Section One.**

SECTION FOUR. Use of funds.

Funds maintained in "St. Louis Hope for the Homeless Fund" account shall only be used for purposes relating to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and targeted to St. Louis City residents earning at or below twenty percent (20%) of the area median income as described under Ordinance 65132, codified in Section 3.59 of the Revised Code of the City of St. Louis.

The Affordable Housing Commission shall provide annually to all members of the Board of Aldermen a report detailing the use of funds provided by the "St. Louis Hope for the Homeless Fund."

Funds maintained in the " Heat-Up St. Louis Fund" account shall only be used for purposes relating to the mission of Heat-Up St. Louis, Inc.

Heat-Up St. Louis, Inc. shall provide annually to all members of the Board of Aldermen a report detailing the use of funds provided by the "Heat-Up St. Louis Fund."

Approved: December 21, 2010