

**SUBJECT:** **Emergency Rental Assistance Program 2** **MEETING DATE:** December 20, 2022  
**Voluntary Reallocation.**

**SUBMITTED BY:**  
Laura Calfee

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**SUGGESTED ACTION:**

Ratify the voluntary reallocation of ERA 2 funds to keep rent/utilities assistance dollars in the State of Georgia.

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**FACTS AND ISSUES:**

Cherokee County received 40% of its \$6.2M allocation of Emergency Rental Assistance Funds through the American Rescue Plan Act (ERA2) in May 2021. The County entered an MOU with MUST Ministries to make available ERA 2 funds for their emergency rent/utilities assistance program at the regular Board of Commissioners meeting on October 4, 2022. MUST's assistance program using ERA 2 funding launched on October 24, 2022.

The program is subject to quarterly assessments of a prescribed spending ratio as determined by ARPA regulations, which was 40% as of June 30, 2022. Treasury assessed the County's expenditure rate for the quarter ending June 30, 2022, and on November 22, 2022, determined the County had not met the required rate.

The County was able to appeal the excess funds determination with an option to voluntarily reallocate funding to a designated grantee within a limited timeframe. Gwinnett County expressed an interest in the funds in order to keep these funds within the State of Georgia. County staff determined that reallocating the funds to another jurisdiction within Georgia was preferable to seeing the funds reallocated at the discretion of Treasury with no input from the County.

The item before the Board seeks to ratify the voluntary reallocation of \$1,571,640.43 in ERA 2 funds, through an online process, to Gwinnett County. The reallocation will reduce the amount of ERA 2 funds the County may request from the remainder (60%) of its first tranche of allocated funds.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

[Award Redirect\\_ AR-1555 \(Q2 ERA2\)\\_Online Form.pdf](#)