

**AGENDA**  
**Housing Opportunity Fund (HOF)**  
**Special Advisory Board Meeting**  
**March 17, 2020 @ 9:00 AM**  
**Conference Call**

**A. New Program to Assist Households Struggling to Pay Housing Expenses Due to COVID-19 Closures**

**Staff Report**

Authorization is requested to use \$300,000 of the Demonstration Program funding to create a new program to help households who are struggling to pay housing expenses due to COVID-19.

Due to many businesses closing during COVID-19, the number of families experiencing a housing crisis has increased. Therefore, the creation of a new program to target households affected by the loss of wages related to COVID-19 will help to serve families affected by work closures. The Urban League of Pittsburgh is currently one of four Program Administrators for the existing Housing Stabilization Program (HSP). Beginning March 23, 2020, they will begin to operate the new COVID-19 program modeled after HSP.

**Actions:**

1. Authorize the creation of the program and the transfer of \$300,000 from the Demonstration Program line item.
2. Authorize guidelines.
3. Authorize amending the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh's existing HSP Contract by \$300,000.

**B. Adjournment**