

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING GRANT FUNDING FOR ENERGY EFFICIENT HOME REPAIRS;  
FIXING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Waynesville has been selected to receive funding from the federal government through the American Rescue Plan Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council approved the formation of a Board to analyze the regulations of the Act and formulate a plan on how these funds would best serve the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the ARPA Grant Funding Board has discussed four eligible uses for ARPA funds and have presented programs to City Council for approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council wishes to approve these programs in an effort to disperse the funds in a timely and efficient manner.

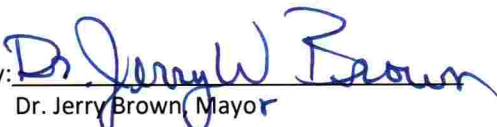
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF WAYNESVILLE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The Build it Better Program, a program designed to aid home owners in energy efficient repairs, according to "Exhibit A", attached and made part of this ordinance, is hereby approved.

**Section 2.** That the City Administrator, along with the members of the ARPA Grant Funding Board, are authorized to implement this ordinance and develop any supplemental policy or procedure needed to govern such program.

**Section 3.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ON THIS 21st DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021.**

By:   
Dr. Jerry Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Michele Brown, City Clerk



**EXHIBIT A**

**BUILD IT BETTER – Home Improvement Program**

**Funding Amount: \$100,000**

**Income Based – Income Chart based on current Missouri HUD rates**

The Build it Better Program, a reimbursable grant program, was created by the ARPA Grant Funding Board in an effort to encourage property owners to perform needed repairs and updates to weatherize and improve the energy efficiency of their homes. In doing so, the City hopes to lower utility bills for disproportionate households, especially during peak times of usage.

**Complete your DIY Home Energy Audit**

The City has provided a DIY Home Energy Audit that must be utilize in prioritizing repairs and updates for home improvements. Once completed, applicants should be sure to include this information along with their application.

**Eligibility**

In order to be eligible for the Build It Better Program, a property owner must meet certain approval criteria, provide necessary documentation and be approved by the ARPA Funding Board.

Income Guidelines – Income guidelines will be based on the current HUD rates for the State of Missouri.

Some rental properties may qualify even if the landlord’s income is above HUD guidelines. If a property caters to low-income or disproportionate families, the income of the tenants may be used for the application. Rental properties must be single-family only.

**Additional Documents**

The property owner will need proof of ID and will need to include either a copy of the deed or closing documents concerning the property, naming the owner. If applying for tenants, a copy of the lease must be provided.

**Complete the DIY Home Energy Audit**

The City has provided a DIY Home Energy Audit that may be utilized in prioritizing repairs and updates for the home. Once completed the applicant will bring the application, corresponding documentation and audit to City Hall for submission and review.

**Review and Approval**

Once your application is received, the ARPA Grant Funding Board will review the supplied documentation and either approve or disprove the application. The Board meets on or about the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month and recipients of funds will be notified the beginning of the following month. Reimbursement funds are award in either \$1,000, \$1,500 or \$2,000 increments. If approved, an application verification/inspection will be performed on at the property to verify the correct address and any concerns the applicant may have regarding the home.

Once approved for Build It Better grant funding and the initial inspection is complete, work may begin on applied for project(s). Grant funding will not be awarded for projects all ready completed or started before the application

Was submitted. Once projects are complete, recipients should contact City Hall for a final inspection report. Once the final inspection is complete, the inspection report should be submitted, along with any receipts for materials or labor that were applied for, to City Hall.

Once the documentation has been verified by staff, a reimbursement check will be issued and sent to the address provided on the application.