



## City of Detroit

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CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
DISTRICT 5

# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Julie Schneider, Director, Housing and Revitalization Department  
**FROM:** Mary Sheffield, President, Detroit City Council  
**DATE:** March 18, 2022  
**RE:** HRD 2022 Budget Hearing

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- What is the current funding level of the Housing Trust Fund? Have any additional funding sources aside from commercial land sales been identified? What would be the estimated revenue of the Trust Fund if funding was increased to 40% of commercial land sales?
  - What is the status of the Affordable Housing locator? How are vacancies reported to the website? Has a permanent funding source been located?
  - What policies or programs are in place to encourage the development of new infill housing? Could the Housing Trust Fund be used to provide gap funding for new single-family home construction?
  - Will HRD oversee the proposed Right to Counsel Program? Will ARPA funds be used to administer the program? Have any permanent funding sources been identified? Has at least \$3 million been earmarked for the creation of the program?
  - Has the traditional Home Repair Grant Program been restored to its historical \$6 million funding level? How much funding would be needed to address the entire waiting list for the Home Repair Grant and Renew Detroit programs? How has the department sought to increase the number of licensed contractors available for home repair programs?

- Has \$6 million been identified to address the overassessment of legacy Detroiters?
- Is the department ready to roll-out the RFP and allocation process for the Neighborhood Improvement Fund (NIF)? What is the long-term funding source for the NIF and are there plans to increase the annual allocation?