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Version: As Introduced

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Oelslager

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill appropriates \$465.0 million in FY 2021 under Emergency Rental Assistance Fund (Fund 5CV2) line item 195559, Rent and Utility Assistance, for the Development Services Agency (DSA) to fund an emergency rental assistance program.

Detailed Analysis

The bill appropriates \$465.0 million in FY 2021 under Emergency Rental Assistance Fund (Fund 5CV2) line item 195559, Rent and Utility Assistance, for the Development Services Agency (DSA) to fund an emergency rental assistance program in accordance with funding the state of Ohio received under the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, and U.S. Department of the Treasury guidelines.

The appropriation provided under the bill follows two previous allocations overseen by DSA for home and utility financial relief for individuals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. In October 2020, the Controlling Board approved of \$55.2 million in funding for DSA to oversee the Home Relief Grant Program. That program used federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding to provide mortgage, rental, water, or sewer utility payment assistance to qualifying low- and moderate-income individuals. Additionally, in January 2021, the Controlling Board approved \$100.0 million in federal funding that Ohio received under the Consolidated Appropriation Act, 2021, for DSA to oversee rent, utility, and home energy assistance payments to individuals at or below 80% of the area median income. Community action agencies were responsible for administering these programs at the local level.