

**ORDINANCE NO. 0-97-17**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE HUMAN NEEDS COMMITTEE OF THE ARKADELPHIA TASK FORCE 2025 TO ACT AS THE AGENT OF THE CITY OF ARKADELPHIA TO DISBURSE FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE CITY OF ARKADELPHIA AS THE RESULT OF ACT 411 OF 1997, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Arkadelphia, Arkansas was struck by a disastrous tornado March 1, 1997, and

**WHEREAS**, the city has obtained the sum of \$275,000.00 from the State of Arkansas and specifically by Act 411 of 1997, and desires to use said funds to meet the human needs of the residents of Arkadelphia and Clark County, Arkansas, and

**WHEREAS**, the Arkadelphia Task Force 2025 has a Human Needs Committee that is designed and empowered to review applications for need and has the ability to perform such service, **THEREFORE**:

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS THAT:**

**SECTION 1** - The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the Human Needs Committee of the Arkadelphia Task Force 2025, whereby the Human Needs Committee provides a service to the City of Arkadelphia by reviewing applications for human needs and determining appropriate individuals to receive monetary assistance to be paid from the \$275,000.00 in monies appropriated by the State of Arkansas to the City of Arkadelphia, Arkansas to meet the human needs of individuals and families affected by the March 1, 1997 tornado.

**SECTION 2** - The contract will provide that the Human Needs Committee members are as follows: Jane Lucas - Co-chairman, Gary Turner - Co-chairman, Estella Fort, Lewellyn Terry, Paulette Blacknall, and Kendall Hunter, or their successors as appointed by the Arkadelphia Task Force 2025.

**SECTION 3** - The Human Needs Committee is authorized to disburse the funds after reviewing applications received.

**SECTION 4** - Criteria for need will be determined as follows:

- A. Applicants will be citizens of Arkadelphia or Clark County with property damage related to the March 1, 1997, tornado.


- B. The Committee will take into consideration any prior assistance from FEMA, Red Cross, SBA, churches, free labor, Ecumenical Council, etc.
- C. The Committee will inquire as to the family situation, as shown on the attached application for aid, consisting of thirteen (13) pertinent questions.
- D. Emphasis for granting of funds will be on assisting applicants with the purchasing of property to include the granting of funds for down payment or assisting in closing costs or other expenditures to aid applicants to be placed in housing within their financial means.
- E. Priority will be given to those applicants whose homes were totally destroyed, although all applicants will receive the Committee's attention.

**SECTION 5** - The Human Needs Committee will account to the City on at least a monthly basis as to the funds that have been disbursed and the needs met.


**SECTION 6** - The Human Needs Committee of the Arkadelphia Task Force 2025 will provide an audit of all funds, disbursed and undisbursed, to the City of Arkadelphia. If the entire \$275,000.00 in funds have not been disbursed by October 1, 1997, any remaining funds will be returned by the Committee to the City of Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

**SECTION 7 - EMERGENCY:** It is hereby determined that the tornado of March 1, 1997, destroyed many homes and businesses and the individuals affected thereby need to receive immediate assistance to recover from the effects of the tornado, therefore an emergency is declared to exist and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED AND ENACTED this 9th day of June, 1997.

  
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Ann Sanders, Vice-Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Nancy Anderson, City Clerk