



City of Detroit
Detroit City Council
Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway
District 2

MEMORANDUM

TO: Julie Schneider, Director
Housing & Revitalization Department

FROM: Council Member Angela Whitfield-Calloway *AWC*

DATE: March 10, 2023

RE: 2023-2024 Housing and Revitalization Department Budget Questions

The office of Council Member Angela Calloway respectfully submits the following questions to the Housing and Revitalization Department as a part of the 2023-2024 budget hearing process.

1. Cities across the country, including Dallas, New York City, and countless others have recognized that one growing solution to the housing shortage is the Adaptive Reuse of vacant office spaces into affordable housing. This solution has become more prevalent as remote work has left more and more office buildings vacant:
 - a. Would Adaptive Reuse of vacant offices converted to residential units help provide more housing?
 - b. Does HRD have and Adaptive Reuse plan?
2. Grants are an important part of HRDs function and from our understanding highly competitive:
 - a. How can HRD build out its capacity to capture more grants? Would this require an additional FTE?