

ORDINANCE NO. 6413 OF 2024

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A CADDO COMMUNITY LIGHTHOUSE PILOT PROJECT AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, in 2021 Caddo Parish experienced a winter weather freeze where Caddo residents lost access to drinking water and electricity; and

WHEREAS, without water and electricity conditions quickly deteriorated for our senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Community Lighthouse Project is a strategy to establish a network of 20 neighborhood-led resiliency hubs at congregations and non-profit institutions throughout Caddo Parish with commercial-scale solar power and backup battery capacity and an emergency water supply; and

WHEREAS, the North Louisiana Interfaith is seeking support to develop Community Lighthouses at Morning Star Baptist Church and The Highland Center as part of the pilot phase; and

WHEREAS, the funding for both Lighthouses was appropriated with Ordinance 6317 of 2023; and

WHEREAS, the funding source for The Highland Center location was originally funded through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) by reducing the Green Infrastructure Project; and

WHEREAS, the Lighthouse Project did not meet eligibility requirements of ARPA and therefore funding will be reallocated to Green Infrastructure: and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to change the original funding source from ARPA to the Oil and Gas Fund; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Oil and Gas and ARPA Fund for the year 2024 is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>Oil and Gas Fund</u>	
Expenditures:	
Community Lighthouse Pilot Project	\$250,000
<u>ARPA Fund</u>	
Expenditures:	
Community Lighthouse Pilot Project	(\$250,000)
Green Infrastructure	\$250,000

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved as to legal form:

Parish Attorney

Date