

ORDINANCE NO. 6191 OF 2022

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE RIVERBOAT FUND AND OIL AND GAS FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE LOUISIANA ADVOCATES FOR IMMIGRANTS IN DETENTION ASSOCIATED WITH THE HIGHLAND CENTER AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Highland Center works with Louisiana Advocates for Immigrants in Detention (LA-AID); and

WHEREAS, LA-AID is an organization of volunteers who became active in the fall of 2019 in response to the burgeoning population of asylum seekers being held in Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention centers in rural Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in the past 5 years, Louisiana went from having 1 immigration detention center to having 8 large detention centers ; and

WHEREAS, the Shreveport-based chapter of LA-AID, the only non-profit in Louisiana supporting post-release assistance, has been actively rescuing individuals who need safe transportation assistance from these facilities since February 2021; and

WHEREAS, the work of the LA-AID has been coordinated out of an expanded office affiliated with the Church for the Highlands where immigrants can cook meals, wash clothing, shower, use Internet and mobile phones, print boarding passes, and rest comfortably; and

WHEREAS, LA-AID is led by two unpaid, full-time volunteers and many additional volunteers from church congregations across Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission would like to amend the 2022 Riverboat Fund and Oil and Gas Fund Budgets to provide an appropriation of \$10,000 for LA-AID; 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 Riverboat Fund and Oil and Gas Fund for the year 2022 is hereby amended as follows:

	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
<u>Riverboat Fund</u>	
NGO Appropriations	
LA-AID	\$10,000
Transfer from Oil and Gas Fund	\$10,000
<u>Oil and Gas Fund</u>	
Transfer to Riverboat Fund	\$10,000
Fund Balance	(\$10,000)

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