

Wilmington, Delaware
December 9, 2021

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Sponsor:

Council
Member
Johnson

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the President of the United States signed the federal American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) into law, establishing the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (“SLFRF”) program, which provides funds to State, local, territorial, and Tribal governments; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Treasury’s (“Department of Treasury”) Interim Final Rule, effective as of May 17, 2021 (86 Fed. Reg. 26786), permits funds to be used as follows: 1) to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impacts; 2) to respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers; 3) for the provision of government services, relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency; and 4) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington has acted with deliberate consideration of multiple factors in determining appropriate uses of a once-in-a-lifetime funding opportunity provided by the federal government through the American Rescue Plan Act; and

WHEREAS, the goal of our government representatives in releasing ARPA funds throughout the City is to help resolve some of the City’s most pressing needs which affect Wilmington residents in various ways, therefore making the people and neighborhoods of Wilmington stronger and more prosperous; and

WHEREAS, as the City moves through this extraordinary process, it will seek to ensure that its ability to identify problems and solutions will be transformational on multiple fronts throughout the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON remains committed to ensuring that ARPA funds produce an effective difference in the lives of City residents and City neighborhood.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriation of ARPA funds have been assigned as follows: Revenue Replacement, \$12 million to replace revenues lost due to COVID 19; Workforce Development, \$4 million to fund skills training and internships for employment; Community Investment, \$5 million to assist nonprofits in restoring COVID impacted programming for communities, including \$300,000 for councilmanic distribution; Neighborhood Revitalization, \$22 million for capital investment in historically underserved neighborhoods; Building Safer Communities, \$8 million to make neighborhoods safer through grassroot efforts to reduce gun violence and other types of crime; Essential Pay for Essential Work, \$2.5 million to compensate eligible first responders and essential employees; Administrative Costs, \$2.1 million to meet financial and compliance requirements under ARPA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funding allocation amounts may change based on additional details, anticipated fiscal outlook, and program requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed use of these fund may change as additional guidance is issued by the Department of Treasury.

Passed by City Council,
December 9, 2021

ATTEST: 
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution outlines the proposed categorical use of \$55,345,780 in grant funds from American Rescue Plan Act in accordance with the Department of Treasury's Interim Final Rule, effective as of May 17, 2021 (86 Fed. Reg. 26786) permitting the City of Wilmington to allocate such funds.