

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 89 - 2021

SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

AN ORDINANCE

Establishing the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund budget in the amount of Twenty-Eight Million Five Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Two Hundred Forty Dollars (\$28,574,240). This amount represents the first distribution from United States Federal Government. The total to be received by the City of Allentown is Fifty-Seven Million Four Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Seven Dollars and Seventeen Cents (\$57,463,557.17).

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes an increase to the unappropriated balance of the 2021 ARPA Fund in the amount of Twenty-Eight Million Five Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Two Hundred Forty Dollars (\$28,574,240) reflecting receipt of monies from the United States Federal Government

019-5217 ARPA Grant

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the ARPA Fund as follows:

019-01-0609-0001-88	Interfund Transfers	\$19,700,000
019-09-0901-0001-40	Civic Expense	7,969,740
019-05-0605-0003-72	Equipment	400,000
019-09-0908-0001-72	Equipment	175,000
019-04-0802-0001-72	Equipment	229,500
019-04-0802-0001-46	Other Contract Services	<u>100,000</u>
	TOTAL	\$28,574,240

SECTION THREE: That City Council authorizes an increase to the unappropriated balance of the Stormwater Fund in the amount of Two Million (\$2,000,000) Dollars reflecting receipt of funds from ARPA as follows:

086-2661	Transfers In	\$2,000,000
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SECTION FOUR: That City Council authorizes an increase to the unappropriated balance of the General Fund in the amount of Seventeen Million Seven Hundred Thousand (\$17,700,000) Dollars reflecting receipt of funds from ARPA.

000-2661	Transfers In	\$17,700,000
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SECTION FIVE: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund as follows:

000-01-0609-0001-84	Capital Contribution	\$16,250,000
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SECTION SIX: That this Ordinance will take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION SEVEN: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

- **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**

This Bill is originating from the Administration. This bill is initiated from the American Rescue Plan.

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan of 2021, for funding to counties, municipalities and metropolitan cities. This plan provides for federal funding for eligible expenditures through December 31, 2026.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**
 - **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**
 - **How does this Bill related to the City’s Vision/Mission/Priorities**

These funds may be used for public health emergencies, to assist government entities dealing with the reduction of revenue due to the pandemic, and make necessary investments in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
 - **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

The American Rescue Plan will allocate \$28,574,240 to the City of Allentown for the first round of eligible expenditures.

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.**

The American Rescue Plan funds are provided by the United States Federal Government.

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

Request immediate consideration.

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

Funds eligibility allows for projects to be implemented to invest in the City's needs in compliance with the intent of the bill.