



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 215

RESOLUTION

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Introduced by the City Council on December 15, 2021

Preliminary sketching out some principals, thoughts, and procedures for dealing with ARPA Funding that will be further developed and put into a workable form.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, Allentown City Council will put in resolution form a number of procedures and principals they will accept in the distribution of ARPS funds.

WHEREAS, it is the intention of City wo work with the administration to create a plan by the end of the end of the first quarter of 2022.

WHEREAS, Allentown City Council is desirous of working with the administration in the new year to develop a plan for the ARPA funding using the general expectorations as a starting point for discussion:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Allentown, hereby will consider the points noted below for their discussion:

1. Transparency – all discussions on expenditures in public and all expenditures on the city website with specific allocations
2. Development of an application form that includes project detail, organizations total revenue and expenditures, and salaries of all individuals
3. Specific details as to how funds will be distributed.
4. Participation – create forums for vested groups to make a presentation to council on needs and programs, inclusive of all community leaders and stakeholders.
5. Review of interests that have needs that might not be at the table – i.e., senior citizens, female head of household
6. Evaluate the programs from the standpoint of equity, class, need, residency
7. Recognized City's quandary of increasing expenditures and stagnant revenues
8. Funding should not be for new programs that will create reoccurring costs – this is a one-time, two-year expenditure, so outside funding will need to be secured after this.
9. Ensure fiscal stability of the city
10. Maximize benefit to the variety of interests in Allentown – inclusive of senior citizens and veterans.
11. Recognize County and School Districts have received funding – review for overlap.

12. Compliance – all expenditures and funds will be audited by the City Controller
13. Address systemic racism, equity, and economic opportunity – include this in scoring criterion.
14. Create programs, if possible, that will fund themselves in the future.
15. Develop categories of needs using evidence and data.
16. Develop a scoring sheet used to evaluate programs – a scoring sheet that is developed with the administration prior to starting any process. update our scoring sheets used to evaluate a program.
17. Groups need to demonstrate that they have a plan or have begun to adapt to Allentown.
18. Boards and leadership should be reflective of the city.
19. it's the desire of council & the city to include the community and stakeholders.
20. spending should be in line with vision 2030.