

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 33 - 2024

APRIL 3, 2024

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2024 ARPA Fund Budget to provide for a transfer of One Million (\$1,000,000.00) Dollars from Ripple Community Inc. to the Revenue Replacement category of the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) award for HVAC systems. Ripple Community Inc. will receive One Million (\$1,000,000.00) Dollars in funding from the CDBG HOME-ARPA program as indicated in DCED's resolution to amend the 2021 One Year Action Plan allocation.

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

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the appropriated funds of the ARPA Fund in the amount of One Million (\$1,000,000.00) Dollars as follows:

019-01-0609-0001-40	Civic Expenses	\$ 1,000,000.00
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SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes an increase in the City-owned Building Repairs project balance of the Capital Fund in the amount of One Million (\$1,000,000.00) Dollars reflecting receipt of funds from the ARPA Fund.

001-03-2041-2119-72	Contract Services	\$ 1,000,000.00
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SECTION THREE: That this Ordinance takes effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

Legislative Template

- What department or bureau is this bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?

The bill is originating from the City Council/Administration. This bill is initiated from the American Rescue Plan. Ripple Community Inc. will receive One Million (\$1,000,000.00) Dollars in funding from the CDBG HOME-ARPA program as discussed in DCED's resolution to amend the 2021 One Year Action Plan allocation.

- 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. The allocation for the fund must be completed by December 31, 2024.

- Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - What does the bill do? What are the specific goals or tasks the bill seeks to accomplish?

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

- Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. Cost (initial and ongoing)

One Million (\$1,000,000.00) Dollars, one time funding.

- b. Benefits (initial and ongoing)

Simplification of process for Community Reinvestment.

- Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. If transferring funds, please make sure to give specific account names and numbers. If appropriating funds from a grant, please list the agency awarding the grant.

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

- Priority status – Are there any deadlines to be aware of?

Request immediate consideration.

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?

Fund eligibility allows for projects to be implemented to invest in the City's and community's needs in compliance with the ARPA eligibility.