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TO: Allentown City Council
FROM: Matt Tuerk, Mayor 
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SUBJECT: Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF), sometimes known as ARPA Funds, committed just over \$57 million to the City of Allentown to support its response to and recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency. The intent of these funds was to ensure that we have the required resources to fight the pandemic, maintain public services, and build a strong and equitable recovery.

SLFRF is managed by the US Department of the Treasury, which released the Final Rule in January of 2022, detailing the eligible categories and subcategories of expenditures. Consistent with the eligibility requirements, our administration will follow the following plan for requesting appropriations of the allotment for the City of Allentown.

Use	Amount
Replace lost public sector revenue	\$18,582,604
Public Health	\$2,000,000
Negative Economic Impacts	\$16,050,000
Infrastructure	\$20,500,000
Total	\$57,132,604

Funds committed to replace lost public sector revenue are used for a host of government services. Already committed government service expenditures include the construction of a backup data center, roof replacements on municipal buildings and construction of the Irving Pool. These can broadly be considered funds available for use directly by the City of Allentown.

Funds committed to support the COVID-19 public health and economic response are available to non-City of Allentown organizations. These are funds that can be used to address the negative economic impact of COVID on things like affordable housing, tourism businesses, rehabilitation of commercial properties, and lead remediation. Additionally, these funds can support organizations that address community violence intervention and provide mental health support services.

Funds committed to infrastructure are generally divided into water/wastewater/sewer infrastructure and to broadband projects. These funds are used by City of Allentown to execute on needed infrastructure improvements.

Some funds were previously committed by City Council in December 2021, totaling \$29,056,000. Requests for remaining funds available to public entities will be evaluated in accordance with the previously submitted guidelines for projects and will be forwarded to City Council by the administration.