

Resolution allocating the remaining uncommitted funds received from the U.S. Treasury through the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse has received and accepted an allocation from the U.S. Treasury for ARPA funds in the amount of \$21,748,073; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has previously resolved to commit 10% of the entire allocation to private non-profit agencies to expedite recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and support stabilization and resiliency among households and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has also committed \$700,000 to fund short-term housing and services for homeless individuals; and

WHEREAS, additional funds have been committed to restore City staffing levels and to replace revenue lost during the pandemic in order to fund general City services; and

WHEREAS, members of the Common Council met with a facilitator to determine priorities for the City to guide the best use of the remaining non-committed funds and general areas of expenditure have been guided through that facilitated discovery.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of La Crosse authorizes a distribution of non-committed funds based on the input received by the members of the Common Council and using the guidelines for allowable uses by the U. S. Treasury and the funds will be allocated in the following general U.S. Treasury-prescribed categories:

Addressing negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency to small businesses and impacted industries: 5%

Promoting healthy childhood environments through improvements in childcare, mitigation of health disparities, and improvement of living and recreation environments: 13%

Investments in housing and neighborhoods and serving the hardest hit families, including those impacted by homelessness: 22%

Investment in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and expand access to broadband internet: 60%

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Planning, Development and Assessment is authorized to effectuate this resolution by developing projects and/or programs with other City Staff and with guidance from the Common Council and the community and in compliance with ARPA guidelines and through verification of compliance and to implement these projects and programs in coordination with other City Staff as necessary.