

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-R-81

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT; APPROVING THE ALLOCATION AND EXPENDITURE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN REVENUES IN THE AMOUNT OF NINE MILLION SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$9,677,258.50) TOWARD CITY GRANT PROGRAMS AND REVENUE LOSSES; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS AND EXPENDITURES IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000.00); AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ESTABLISH PROGRAMS AND GUIDELINES, AS NEEDED, TO ENSURE THE TIMELY DISBURSEMENT OF GRANT FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, since the first case of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) was discovered in the United States in January 2020, the disease has infected over 33 million and killed over 603,000 Americans and has impacted every part of life: as social distancing became a necessity, businesses closed, schools transitioned to remote education, travel was sharply reduced, and millions of Americans lost their jobs; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the Pandemic, cities have been called on to respond to the needs of their communities through the prevention, treatment, and vaccination of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami (“City”) has faced economic impacts due to the Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”) is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill passed by the 117th United States Congress and signed into law by President Joe Biden on March 11, 2021, to speed up the United States' recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing recession; and

WHEREAS, the ARPA included \$65 billion in recovery funds for cities across the country; and

WHEREAS, ARPA funds are intended to provide support to state, local, and tribal governments in responding to the impact of COVID-19 and in their efforts to contain COVID-19 in their communities, residents, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Treasury has adopted guidance regarding the use of ARPA funds; and

WHEREAS, the City, in response to the Pandemic, has had expenditures and anticipates future expenditures consistent with the Department of Treasury's ARPA guidance; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami has been allocated Nineteen Million Three Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$19,354,517.00) which will be distributed in two (2) disbursements over the next two (2) years; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami has received its first disbursement in the amount of Nine Million Six Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$9,677,258.50) from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 which may be utilized to: Respond to the public health emergency and address the negative economic impacts by providing aid to local businesses, households, or non-profits, Address revenue losses,; Provide increased “premium” pay to essential workers; Provide government services that may have been reduced due to a reduction in revenue; Make investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure and other opportunities; and

WHEREAS, to properly respond to the Novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”) pandemic, the City Administration recommends the allocation of ARPA funds to be used towards City grant programs and revenue losses, summaries of the programs and allocation amounts are attached as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, City Administration is requesting authority to establish programs and to create guidelines for the proposed grant programs, to properly address the needs of the City and the community; and

WHEREAS, due to the unique challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the ability to amend policy guidelines in a timely and efficient manner is necessary to ensure that there is no barrier to the timely distribution of grant funds; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that the City Manager be designated with the authority to make changes to program guidelines to address any policy issues which may impact the distribution of grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council desire to authorize the City Manager to make additional allocations and expenditures in an amount not-to-exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) and to establish programs and guidelines to ensure the timely distribution of grant funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Approval of Allocation of CARES Act Funds. The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby approve the allocation of Nine Million Six Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$9,677,258.50) ARPA funding toward City grant programs and revenue losses; program summaries and allocation amounts attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

Section 2. Authority of City Manager. The City Manager is authorized to make additional allocations and expenditures in an amount not-to-exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) and to adopt, implement, and make any and all necessary changes to the programs and guidelines to ensure the timely distribution of grant funds.

Section 3. Waiver of Section 7-129 of City Code. The Mayor and City Council hereby waive the provisions of Section 7-129 of the City Code to authorize the City Manager to make expenditures up to Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) utilizing ARP funds.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 5-0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 13th day of August, 2021.



PHILIPPE BIEN-AIME
MAYOR

ATTEST :


VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:


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CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: Galvin
Seconded by: Bien-Aime

Vote:

Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime
Vice Mayor Scott Galvin
Councilwoman Kassandra Timothe, MPA
Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin
Councilman Alix Desulme, Ed.D.

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