



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Direct Public Engagement and Final Recommendation for the Use of Federal ARP Funds

This resolution follows the memo prepared by the Acting City Administrator and communicated to Council on October 1, 2021 regarding the use of the federal ARP funds. Staff recommends a robust public engagement process to help prioritize the final use of funds with a final recommendation coming back to Council by December 6, 2021.

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Reviewed by: John Fournier, Assistant City Administrator

Approved by: John Fournier, Assistant City Administrator

Whereas, On March 11, 2021 the American Rescue Plan was enacted, creating a program for state and local government relief related to the economic conditions created by the COVID-19 Pandemic;

Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor will receive \$24,182,630 from the federal government related to this program;

Whereas, On June 7, 2021 the Ann Arbor City Council adopted resolution R-21-215 which directed the City Administrator to provide a recommendation for prioritizing the allocation of the ARP funds;

Whereas, Throughout the summer staff reviewed the federal regulations that guide this program, evaluated city needs and priorities as set by the Council, and considered which initiatives would be the best fit for these funds; and

Whereas, Given the historic nature of this funding from the federal government, and the opportunity it represents to make needed investments in our community, a robust public engagement process is essential to finally prioritize these funds;

RESOLVED, The City Council accepts the report from the City Administrator in response to resolution R-21-215;

RESOLVED, That the City Council directs the City Administrator to carry out a public engagement strategy to aid in the prioritization of the ARP funds; and

RESOLVED, That the City Council directs the City Administrator to provide a final report on the prioritization and spending plan for the ARP dollars to the City Council not later than March 1, 2022.

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Disch, Eyer, Grand, and Song and Mayor Taylor

As Amended and Approved by Ann Arbor City Council on October 18, 2021.