

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF DIRECTING)
FUNDS TO SPECIFIC EXPENDITURE)
CATEGORIES AS REQUIRED BY THE)
FINAL RULES OF THE AMERICAN)
RESCUE PLAN ACT PASSED BY)
CONGRESS AND SIGNED INTO LAW)
ON MARCH 11, 2021)

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington, Spokane County, Washington is a class A county duly organized and existing; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Revised Code of Washington (“RCW”) 36.01.030, the powers of Spokane County (“County”) can only be exercised through the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County, Washington (“Board” or “Board of County Commissioners”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 36.32.120(6), the Board of County Commissioners has the care of County property and the management of County funds and business; and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARP”) was signed into law on March 11, 2021. Under ARP, \$350 billion dollars in emergency funding was made available to state, local and Tribal governments through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (“SLFRF”). Spokane County was notified it was eligible for \$101,547,383 from SLFRF to combat the challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic subject to making an application to the U.S. Treasury and executing an Award Terms and Conditions document; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2021, the Spokane County Budget Office and Office of Financial Assistance submitted an application for funding to the U.S. Treasury for Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds from the U.S. Treasury; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2021, as required by the U.S. Treasury under the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Spokane County Chief Executive Officer Scott Simmons signed a document entitled “U.S. Department of the Treasury Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Award Terms and Conditions”; and

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2021, under Resolution 2021-0357 the Board of County Commissioners ratified the acceptance of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds from the U.S. Treasury; and

WHEREAS, ARP guidelines require the County to adopt a resolution affirming which categories the County intends to fund under the ARP rules; and

WHEREAS, the funds provided by the ARP may be used for a variety of purposes related to rebuilding and strengthening our communities so long as the funds are appropriated by December 31, 2024 and all appropriations are expended by December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, these ARP funds will provide a significant one-time, supplemental resource for our county government to use for the benefit of our community; and

WHEREAS, these ARP funds can support strategic initiatives that encourage recovery while also accelerating progress towards long-range community goals; and

WHEREAS, Spokane County is committed to using the opportunity created by the ARP funds to uplift, support, and improve the quality of life for all members of our community; and

WHEREAS, the County is funding specific eligible cost (EC) categories as set forth in the rules established by the U.S. Treasury issued as the “State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds” (SLFRF) guidance and compliance recommendations. The Final Rule EC categories are used herein. The EC category for each expenditure is identified, in parenthesis with the specific numerical EC category, following each of the funding categories set forth below. The EC categories are located at, and defined within, the U.S. Treasury Compliance and Reporting Guidance for SLFRF published on February 28, 2022, version 3 and 31 CFR Part 35. Organizations will be able to apply for grants through a request for proposals (“RFP”) process for funded Eligible Costs (EC) categories; and

WHEREAS, all applications that meet the legal requirements will be considered as the County evaluates and selects projects to fund; and

WHEREAS, ARP is a multi-year program, there will be multiple rounds of funding announced through the end of 2024 or until all funds have been expended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County, Washington pursuant to the provisions of RCW 36.32.120(6) and the ARP guidelines that the Board does hereby:

1. Create an ARP funding account for the purpose of recording revenue and expenditures. This new account will be within Fund 151 (Federal Grants);
2. Direct that the following Expenditure Categories will receive a total of \$43,330,400 in ARP funds from the County’s full allocation of \$101,547,383:
 - a. Expenditure Category: Public Health
 - i. \$300,000 directed to Medical Expenses (including Alternative Care Facilities) (1.6)
 - ii. \$2,400,000 directed to Other Public Health Services (1.14)
 - b. Expenditure Category: Negative Economic Impacts
 - i. \$4,500,000 directed to Long-term Housing Security: Affordable Housing (2.15)
 - ii. \$5,000,000 directed to Addressing Educational Disparities: Academic,

- Social, and Emotional Services (2.25)
 - iii. \$750,000 directed to Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations (Impacted or Disproportionally Impacted) (2.34)
 - c. Expenditure Category: Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity
 - i. \$500,000 directed to Effective Service Delivery (3.4)
 - d. Expenditure Category: Infrastructure
 - i. \$5,500,000 directed to Clean Water: Stormwater (5.6)
 - ii. \$2,000,000 directed to Clean Water: Water Conservation (5.8)
 - iii. \$4,000,000 directed to Drinking Water: Transmission & Distribution (5.11)
 - iv. \$500,000 directed to Drinking Water: Storage (5.14)
 - v. \$2,000,000 directed to Water and Sewer: Other (5.18)
 - vi. \$5,000,000 directed to Broadband: IJA Match (5.20)
 - e. Expenditure Category: Revenue Replacement
 - i. \$9,380,400 directed to Provision of Government Services (6.1) for the County's 2020 lost revenue calculation. This is the first of four years of calculations. There will be subsequent annual lost revenue calculations per the formula provided by the U.S. Treasury for the years 2021, 2022, and 2023.
 - f. Expenditure Category: Administrative
 - i. \$1,500,000 directed to Administrative Expenses (7.1);
- 3. Agree to appropriate the remaining \$58,216,983 in ARP funds by resolution before December 31, 2024;
- 4. Commit to a high degree of accountability and transparency in the use of ARP funds, and provide accessible information on the County's ARP website regarding the allocation of ARP funds;
- 5. Continue to seek community input for the use of remaining ARP funds;
- 6. Follow all updated rules and requirements from the U.S. Department of Treasury; and
- 7. Require, consistent with the provisions of Spokane County's Financial Assistance Policy and Procedures adopted under Resolution Nos. 2012-1017 and 2013-0219, that:
 - i. All documents and contracts necessary to implement awards in the above listed categories be presented to the Board for consideration and approval;

- ii. The Community Engagement & Public Policy Advisor shall work with Spokane County's Budget & Financial Operations Office, Office of Financial Assistance, and Purchasing Department to begin the Request for Proposal ("RFP") process, where necessary and prudent, for the above category allocations; and
- iii. The Board authorizes the Community Engagement & Public Policy Advisor to work with the Chief Executive Officer, the Senior Director of Finance & Administration, and other county staff to execute, at other than an open meeting, any and all documents necessary to implement Board approved RFPs in the above listed categories after review by the Grants Administrator or designee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County, Washington, that the Board has individually reviewed and considered each any every recital set forth herein above, and to the extent necessary to support the action herein, does hereby adopt the same.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD this 8th day of March 2022.



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OF SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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