



**CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

01/08/2024 24-065

Council Meeting Date: 01/08/2024

Item No: 24-065

Responsible Dept: City Manager

Requested Action: Order

Map/Lot: N/A

**Title, Order**

Authorizing the Allocation of \$250,000 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to Fund Public Restrooms

**Summary**

This Order will authorize the allocation of \$250,000 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka ARPA funds) to fund the acquisition, site preparation, installation, operating costs as well as the public art component of up to six public restrooms across the City.

Access to public restrooms around the City has been an ongoing topic. Additionally, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan references an overall need for additional amenities, including public restrooms. Staff has researched alternatives to permanent structures and/or the expanded use of portable units to address the challenges but meet the needs of the public.

Based on recent experience and observations, the proposed approach is to work with a local fabricator to develop a portable model that is steel and mounted to a concrete pad that would be located in close proximity to a sidewalk/street thereby allowing for easier access for service. They are essentially the same concept as a portable unit, but built larger and open at the bottom to allow for easier monitoring, ventilation, and cleaning. The units are not connected to any utilities and are large enough to be ADA accessible.

Proposed locations include Hayford Park, Chapin Park, Coe Park, Fairmount Park, Broadway Park, and Broad Street. The frequency of maintenance would need to be assessed once the units are placed and may vary depending on location and need. Further City staff will work with the Cultural Commission as to the public art opportunities the units will provide to ensure the units are in keeping with the surroundings, have an increased visibility and are aesthetically pleasing.

This allocation is eligible for funding within the government services category.

**Committee Action**

Committee: Government Operations Committee

Meeting Date: 01/03/2024

Action: Recommend for passage

For: 5

Against: 0

**Staff Comments & Approvals**

City Manager

City Solicitor

Finance Director

**Introduced for:** New Business



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Assigned to Councilor: Yacoubagha

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WHEREAS, the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Act identifies government services as an eligible expenditure category; and

WHEREAS, access to public restrooms around the City has been an ongoing topic of discussion; and

WHEREAS, our recently completed Parks & Recreation master plan references an overall need for additional amenities, including public restrooms;

Now, Therefore, Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Bangor that, \$250,000 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds are allocated for the purpose of acquiring, installing, operating and offering public art opportunities for up to six public restrooms.