



CITY COUNCIL ACTION

10/11/2023 23-314

Council Meeting Date: 10/11/2023

Item No: 23-314

Responsible Dept: Finance

Requested Action: Resolve

Map/Lot: N/A

Title, Resolve

Accepting and Appropriating \$20,478,297 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka ARPA)

Summary

This Resolve will accept and appropriate Twenty Million, Four-Hundred Seventy Eight Thousand, Two-Hundred Ninety Seven Dollars (\$20,478,297) of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka ARPA) to be allocated by the City Council in accordance with federal regulations, including any interest earnings on said funds. In preparation for year end, it was noted that this particular Resolve had inadvertently not been submitted to City Council.

Throughout the pandemic municipalities were called upon to respond to the needs of their communities while maintaining "normal" services on a day to day basis. Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act to aid in the recovery efforts related to the pandemic. Part of this Act resulted in \$65 billion in funding for cities and counties across the country, through the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. The City Council has undertaken a structured, measured and public approach in allocating these funds with an emphasis on a long lasting impact on our community throughout the year.

Committee Action

Committee: Council Workshop

Meeting Date: 10/11/2023

Action:

For:

Against:

Staff Comments & Approvals

City Manager

City Solicitor

Finance Director

Introduced for: First Reading



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Assigned to Councilor: Pelletier

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WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law by the President. Section 9901 of ARPA amended Title VI of the Social Security Act to add section 602, which established the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund, and section 603, which established the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (together, the Fiscal Recovery Funds). The Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds was established to provide support to local governments ("recipients") to respond to the impacts of COVID-19 on communities, residents, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, section 602(c)(1) and 603(c)(2) provides that funds may be used to:

To respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;

To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers;

For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency;

To make necessary investment in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bangor has been notified by the Department of the Treasury of an award of ARPA funding in the amount of Twenty Million, Four-Hundred Seventy Eight Thousand, Two-Hundred Ninety Seven Dollars (\$20,478,297), payable in two tranches; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has undertaken a structured, measured and public approach in allocating the funds with an emphasis on a long lasting impact on our community;

Now Therefore Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Bangor that, Twenty Million, Four-Hundred Seventy Eight Thousand, Two-Hundred Ninety Seven Dollars (\$20,478,297) in State and Local Recovery Funds (aka ARPA), and all interest earnings thereon, are hereby accepted and appropriated for the purposes authorize by the City Council or City Council Committee.