THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

STAFF REPORT

City Council: July 27, 2021

Subject: Resolution Accepting American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Funding

Staff Resource(s): Tony McDowell, Finance & Management Services Director

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution authorizing receipt of American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funding and delegating the responsibility to execute any necessary agreements related to ARPA funding to the City Manager.

Background:

- The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, which is designed to facilitate the United States' recovery from the devastating economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, was signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021.
- As a part of ARPA, the City of Asheville will receive $26.2 million.
- City staff has begun facilitating discussions with Council to develop a plan for utilization of Asheville's $26.2 million in ARPA funding.
- In addition to adoption of the plan and the budget amendment(s) associated with usage of ARPA funding, staff at the UNC School of Government are recommending that, in accordance with G.S. 160A-17.1, local government boards take action to authorize receipt of ARPA funding and delegate responsibility to execute any necessary agreements related to ARPA funding to the City Manager.

Council Goal(s):

- A Financially Resilient City

Committee(s):

- None

Pro(s):

- Provides authorization for the City of Asheville to receive ARPA funding.

Con(s):

- None.

Fiscal Impact:

- Allows the City to move ahead with planning for and budgeting the $26.2 million in ARPA funding.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing receipt of American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funding and delegating the responsibility to execute any necessary agreements related to ARPA funding to the City Manager.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-_____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RECEIPT OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARPA) FUNDING AND DELEGATE RESPONSIBILITY TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY AGREEMENTS RELATED TO ARPA FUNDING TO THE CITY MANAGER

WHEREAS, the City has the authority pursuant to N.C.S.G. 160A-17 to apply for and receive grants from the Federal Government and to enter into contracts with said grants; and

WHEREAS, the City is eligible for $26.2 million in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA); and

WHEREAS, the City is required to formally accept ARPA funds and only utilize those funds for purposes authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act, and applicable regulations, and by state law; and

WHEREAS, the City must comply with all applicable budgeting, accounting, contracting, reporting, and other compliance requirements for ARPA funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

The City does hereby accept ARPA funding and designates and directs the City Manager to take all actions necessary on behalf of council to receive the ARPA funds.

Read, approved and adopted this 27nd day of July, 2021.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney