

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FORT WAYNE AMERICAN
RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL
RECOVERY FUND (SLFRF) GRANT OPPORTUNITY
SUMMARY FOR THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE.**

Whereas, the U.S. Congress enacted the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARPA") on March 11, 2021; and,

Whereas, ARPA provides emergency funding to state and local governments to support their recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

Whereas, the City of Fort Wayne has been allocated \$50,815,327.00 from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (under "ARPA"); and,

Whereas, the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana adopted Special Ordinance S-58-21 on May 11, 2021 which established the purpose, permitted uses and minimum percentages per category of the ARPA fund; and,

Whereas, the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana adopted Resolution R-22-03-22 on April 12, 2022 approving the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana Recovery Plan, State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds; and,

Whereas, the City of Fort Wayne must obligate its ARPA funds by the end of 2024 and ultimately spend the funds by the end of 2026; and,

Whereas, City leaders have been deliberate and thoughtful on this process in order to adhere to federal rules and eligibility criteria while providing both an opportunity for community input and an opportunity to meet the most urgent and significant needs in Fort Wayne using areas of focus; and,

Whereas, the City of Fort Wayne desires to support organizations working to serve the community in the tourism, public health, small business, and non-profit sectors by implementing four separate subgrant programs utilizing ARPA funds subject to local, state, and federal regulations; and,

Whereas, the City of Fort Wayne is working diligently, using federal and state guidance and industry best practices, to ensure applicable programmatic, financial, and administrative eligibility and compliance for subgrant recipients; and,

Whereas, the City of Fort Wayne is also working to ensure the subgrants are targeted towards industries, organizations, and community members most seriously impacted or disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA:

SECTION 1. The City of Fort Wayne Common Council hereby adopts the attached GRANT OPPORTUNITY SUMMARY, thereby establishing the overall estimated allocations, brief descriptions and industries for each of the four subgrant programs, as well as the overall process and timeline for projects and recipients seeking support through the Fort Wayne American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SFLRF) Grant Opportunities.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and any and all necessary approval by the Mayor.

Council Member

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

Malak Heiny, City Attorney



Fort Wayne American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) Grant Opportunity Summary

Overview

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("Act" or "ARPA") was signed into law on March 11, 2021. This Act provides emergency relief to individuals, organizations, and governments in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As part of ARPA, the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds ("SLFRF") was created to deliver \$350 billion to eligible state, local, and Tribal governments across the country to support their response to and recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency. The SLFRF program aims to equip governments with the resources to:

- Mitigate the public health and economic impacts of the pandemic on its community;
- Maintain vital public services; and
- Build recovery efforts that support long-term growth and opportunity.

The City of Fort Wayne, Indiana (the "City") was allocated \$50.8 million in SLFRF monies for investment in projects and programs across the City that align to the four main eligible uses of SLFRF. For more details, visit the City's [SLFRF Recovery Plan](#). As part of its recovery plan, the City has allocated approximately \$6 million to four grant programs described in further detail below. The purpose of the grant programs is to provide relief to organizations around the community that were negatively impacted or experienced an increased need for services provided by the organization as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Each program and its subrecipients must adhere to the compliance policies and procedures set forth by the [U.S. Department of the Treasury](#), Indiana [State Board of Accounts](#), and the [City of Fort Wayne](#).

High-Level Description of Four Grant Programs

Program	Amount Allocated*	Brief Description
Small Business Support	\$1,500,000	Operational support (non-payroll) such as rent, insurance, supplies, and/or advertising.
Non-Profit (Non-Healthcare) Support	\$1,500,000	Services that are eligible uses under SLFRF such as housing security, food assistance programs, youth programming, job training, etc.
Public Health Organization Support	\$1,350,000	Clinics, vaccines, childcare, disease prevention programs, substance abuse programs, mental health support, etc.
Tourism-related Industry Support	\$1,000,000	Tourism offices, festivals, theaters, performing arts organizations, museums, cultural attractions, etc.
Total Grant Program Allocation	\$5,350,000	

*Amount allocated to each grant program is estimated and subject to change.

Grant applications will be reviewed by a committee consisting of City employees and community members ("ARPA Committee") and evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Fulfills a gap or need other programs/services are not fully addressing
- Mitigates some of the impact COVID-19 had on the organization's budget
- Addresses disparities in public health outcomes, negative impacts on households and individuals disproportionately impacted by the pandemic, and/or educational disparities
- The overall stability of the applicant organization and strength of the proposed use of funds including if the organization will be able to fulfill the grant proposal



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State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF)
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Estimated Program Timeline*

Key Milestone	Target Date Range
Formal announcement of grant programs via City website	July
Application process informational webinar	July
Application launches via City website	July
In-person application informational session	July
Office Hours / Q&A webinar	August
Application closes via City website	August
Application review by ARPA Committee	August through October
Introduce ARPA Committee recommendations for grant awards to Council	October
City issues payments to grant recipients	October
Grant recipient monitoring	Ongoing post-award

*Subject to confirmation following Council approval.

June 9, 2022

City Council Members
City of Fort Wayne

RE: Resolution approving the American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Grant Opportunity for the City of Fort Wayne

Dear Council Members:

The City of Fort Wayne has received funds for COVID-19 relief through the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, as part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The Mayor's Office, via the Grant Administrator, will administer this grant with assistance from the Controller's Office and with guidance and consulting from Crowe LLP.

As part of the overall Recovery Plan which recommends funding a variety of projects designed to assist the most impacted members of our community, we would like to establish four individual subgrant programs in order to disburse funds into our community in an impactful, responsible, and compliant manner.

We are asking for Council to approve the creation and overall summary of these four subgrant programs explained in more detail in the document *Fort Wayne American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) Grant Opportunity Summary*.

If you have any questions on the above, please feel free to contact me at 260-427-2815.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MB', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Megan Butler
Grant Administrator
City of Fort Wayne