



## Resolution to Accept American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding – First Tranche May 2021

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021 the President of the United States signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to provide continued relief from the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, approximately \$350 billion of The ARPA funding was allotted to assist state, local, tribal, and territory governments in responding to the coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Sections 602(b) and 603(b) of the Social Security Act as added by section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act, Pub. L No. 117-2 (March 11, 2021) authorized the Department of the Treasury to make payments to certain recipients from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, and

WHEREAS, such funds are to be use in accordance with the guidelines of the plan summarized below:

*Timing – First Tranche Amount: To the extent practicable, with respect to each metropolitan city for which an amount is allocated, the Secretary shall pay from such allocation the First Tranche Amount for such city, State, or county not later than 60 days after the enactment of this section. Second Tranche Amount: the Secretary shall pay to each metropolitan city for which an amount is allowed, not earlier than 12 months after the date on which the First Tranche Amount is paid to the city, State, or County.*

*Use of Funds – the metropolitan city shall only use the funds provided under a payment made under this section to cover cost incurred by the metropolitan city by December 31, 2024*

- (a) to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) or its negative economic impacts including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;*
- (b) to respond to works performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible works of the metropolitan city that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible works who perform essential work;*
- (c) for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such metropolitan city due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the metropolitan city; or*
- (d) to make necessary investment in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.*

WHEREAS, the City of Memphis is expected to receive \$161,061,490 in funding; such funding to be received in two tranches, approximately one half within 60 days of the plan passage, and the remaining funding approximately 12 months later, and

WHEREAS, the City of Memphis has received an initial funding in the amount of \$80,530,745 identified as funding allocation of the First Tranche.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Memphis City Council does hereby accept the allocation of funds in the amount of \$80,530,745 from the Federal Government through the American Rescue Plan Act; and such funds will be placed in a special revenue fund for the sole purpose of tracking all approved transactional activities.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Memphis will adhere to the existing, additional, and amended guidelines as set forth by the federal government in the allocation or distribution of said funds, the welfare of the City and its Citizens requiring it.