

RESOLUTION TO ALLOCATE \$250,000 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT TO FUND STARTUP COSTS FOR SHOTRX MEMPHIS' VACCINATION INITIATIVES WITHIN THE CITY OF MEMPHIS

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Treasury, through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), has provided \$350B to assist states, counties, cities, and tribal governments to cover increased expenditures, replenish lost revenue, and mitigate economic harm from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, ARPA funds may be designed to respond to, mitigate, or prevent the public health emergency and its negative impact across the City of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, to this point, ARPA funding may be utilized to address physical health issues resulting from, or exacerbated by, the public health emergency, such as improving vaccination rates within Memphis' economically disadvantaged neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, since the start of the COVID-19 vaccination rollout, the City of Memphis has seen lower than desired vaccination rates within many of the City's underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, in light of these numbers, the path to increased vaccination rates requires alternative solutions, and service providers, to assist in providing said solutions; and

WHEREAS, ShotRx Memphis has a demonstrated record of success in reaching diverse populations, ultimately for the purpose of improving health outcomes, with a focus on mitigating rates of COVID-19 contraction and transmission; and

WHEREAS, the City of Memphis has been notified of ARPA funding in the amount of \$161,061,490, payable in two tranches; and

WHEREAS, the City of Memphis is in receipt of the first tranche in the amount of \$80,530,745, with the second tranche to be received during Spring 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City Administration has presented, and the Council has approved, an Allocation Plan for the expenditure of the City of Memphis' \$161,061,490 in ARPA funding, with \$20,000,000 going toward Council Initiatives, generally; and

WHEREAS, the Council now wishes to utilize a portion of those funds to address low vaccination rates within Memphis' chronically underserved and under-vaccinated neighborhoods.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Memphis City Council hereby allocates \$250,000 – previously approved for Council Initiatives – to fund startup costs for ShotRx Memphis' vaccination initiatives.

Sponsor:
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Frank Colvett, Jr.