

**RESOLUTION NO. R2021-96**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT; APPROVING THE ALLOCATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN REVENUES IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY ONE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$21,557,242.00) TOWARD CITY GRANT PROGRAMS AND REVENUE LOSSES; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000.00); AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ESTABLISH PROGRAMS AND GUIDELINES, AS NEEDED, TO ENSURE THE TIMELY DISBURSEMENT OF GRANT FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, since the first case of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) was discovered in the United States in January 2020, the disease has infected over 33 million and killed over 603,000 Americans and has impacted every part of life as social distancing became a necessity, businesses closed, schools transitioned to remote education, travel was sharply reduced, and millions of Americans lost their jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the pandemic, cities have been called on to respond to the needs of their communities through the prevention, treatment, and vaccination of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARPA") is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill passed by the 117th United States Congress and signed into law by President Joe Biden on March 11, 2021, to speed up the United States' recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing recession; and

**WHEREAS**, the ARPA included \$65 billion in recovery funds for cities across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, ARPA funds are intended to provide support to state, local, and tribal governments in responding to the impact of COVID-19 and in their efforts to contain COVID-19 in their communities, residents, and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Treasury has adopted guidance regarding the use of ARPA funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the City, in response to the pandemic, has had expenditures and anticipates future expenditures consistent with the Department of Treasury's ARPA guidance; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Miami Beach has been allocated Twenty-One Million, Five Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand, Two Hundred and Forty-Two Dollars (\$21,557,242.00) that will be distributed in two (2) disbursements over the next two (2) years; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Miami Beach has received its first disbursement in the amount of Twenty One Million, Five Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand, Two Hundred and Forty-Two Dollars (\$21,557,242.00) from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 which may be utilized to respond to the public health emergency and address the negative economic impacts by providing aid to local businesses, households, or non-profits, address revenue losses, provide government services that may have been reduced due to a reduction in revenue, make investments in infrastructure and other opportunities, and

**WHEREAS**, to properly respond to the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") pandemic, the City administration recommends the allocation of ARPA funds to be used towards City grant programs and revenue losses, summaries of the programs and estimated allocated amounts are attached as Exhibit "A"; and

**WHEREAS**, City administration is requesting authority to establish programs and to create guidelines for the proposed grant programs, to properly address the needs of the City and

the community; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the unique challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the ability to amend policy guidelines in a timely and efficient manner is necessary to ensure that there is no barrier to the timely distribution of grant funds; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recommended that the City Manager be designated with the authority to make changes to program guidelines to address any policy issues which may impact the distribution of grant funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Commission desire to authorize the City Manager to make additional allocations in an amount not-to-exceed Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000 .00) and to establish programs and guidelines to ensure the timely distribution of grant funds.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1.** **Approval of Allocation of CARES Act Funds.** The Mayor and City Commission of the City of North Miami Beach, Florida, hereby approve the allocation of Ten Million Seven Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand and Six Hundred and Twenty-One Dollars (\$10,778,621.00) ARPA funding toward City grant programs and revenue losses; program summaries and allocation amounts attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

**Section 2.** **Authority of City Manager.** The City Manager is authorized to make additional allocations in an amount not-to-exceed Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) and to adopt, implement, and make any and all necessary changes to the programs and guidelines to ensure the timely distribution of grant funds.


**Section 3.** **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

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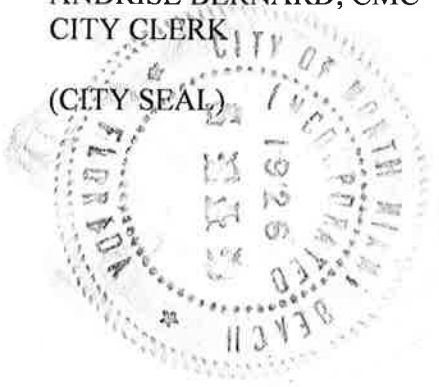
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by a 7-0 vote of the Mayor and City Commission  
of the City of North Miami Beach, Florida, this **23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2021.**

ATTEST:

  
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ANDRISE BERNARD, CMC  
CITY CLERK

  
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ANTHONY F. DEFILLIPO  
MAYOR

(CITY SEAL)



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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HANS OTTINOT  
INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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 <b>North Miami Beach Program American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funding Proposal</b>				
Program Area	Program Name	Program Description	Funds Allocated	Department
1	Economic Stabilization Grocery Gift Card Program	The COVID-19 pandemic negatively many residents in the NMB community. This program will allow residents living in the City to obtain this grocery gift card to make grocery and household items. These cameras are vital to protecting the health and welfare of the residents in our community. Illegal dumping is a massive problem throughout our community. In an attempt to minimize and reduce exposure to the virus through hazardous waste, these cameras would assist in capturing the offenders. The administration recommends strategically placing the cameras citywide.	\$ 200,000.00	City Manager
2	Public Safety & Information Illegal Dumping Cameras	The City continues to receive a request for a mortgage and rental assistance during this challenging economic time. We want to assist homeowners that are experiencing difficulties paying their mortgage or rent. This program benefits the residents who reside on North Miami Beach by preventing foreclosures or eviction and keeping both tenants and homeowners in their homes. This type of funding assists individuals who are behind in their payments or have difficulty remaining current. This program will also seek to assist residents who want to buy a home in North Miami Beach, currently have a homestead in North Miami Beach and is not an investor.	\$ 125,000.00	Code Compliance
3	Economic Stabilization Mortgage & Rental Assistance	To provide much-needed job training for our residents, the City will partner with local colleges to enroll residents into professional certificate programs. One such program is the Digital Marketing Specialist and Certified Nursing Assistant certificates offered at Miami-Dade College. These certifications will allow our residents to secure high-paying jobs and even start their businesses or join an agency to start work right away. The City will cover the cost of tuition for these job training programs. This program will also include police academy tuition for two certified trained police officers.	\$ 200,000.00	Community Development
4	Economic Stabilization Job Training Programs/Certificates	This project included a literature review, data collection, climatological impact analysis and preliminary adaptation planning efforts for critical citywide assets. (50% Grant Match for A vulnerability Study) Renewable studies identify ways to produce renewable energy. Parking study to identify the location, use, and adequacy of existing parking facilities. Water conservation study to ensure the availability of water for future generations.	\$ 100,000.00	Community Development
5	Economic Stabilization Assessments and Studies	This program will allow approved homeowners to receive funding to replace windows, doors and roofs to make the homes energy efficient and sustainable. Retrofitting these homes with quality resources will allow the windows, doors and, roofs to last longer and allow the home to be more efficient with energy. Roofs Program Allocation: \$285,000 Windows Program Allocation: \$118,750.00 Doors Program Allocation: \$71,250.	\$ 475,000.00	CRA
6	Economic Stabilization Home Rehabilitation	This funding request will assist our local business through our Smart Business, Regular Business, and Legacy Business grant programs.	\$ 400,000.00	CRA
7	Economic Stabilization Business Grant Assistance	Replace the loss of revenue for governmental services.	\$ 1,101,000.00	Finance
8	General Fund Stabilization General Fund Revenue Loss	The VERA Institute of Justice, Safe Cities Program provides matching grants to cities to provide immigration legal services to individuals with hardships or who would not otherwise be able to retain the services of an attorney to handle their cases.	\$ 75,000.00	Human Services
9	Health & Human Services Immigration Services for Residents	The COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic downturn have negatively affected many people's mental health and created new barriers for people who already have the burden of mental illness. In a recent KFF.org/Poll, Nearly half (45%) of adults in the United States reported that their mental health had been negatively impacted due to the worry and stress over the virus.	\$ 30,000.00	Human Services
10	Health & Human Services Mental Health Workshops/Employees	The purchase of a bus for this program will assist with transporting the seniors to and from the facility.	\$ 100,000.00	Parks and Rec
11	Health & Human Services Senior Bus			

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12	Infrastructure	Broadband Infrastructure / Downtown	<p>During the COVID-19 pandemic, the need for high-speed internet was exceeded by food, childcare, and transportation. The 2020 Census revealed that only 69% of North Miami Beach residents had access to the internet. North Miami Beach is lower compared to Miami Shores (92%), Bay Harbor (91%), and Miami Lakes (90%). Access to broadband internet is essential for education, work, e-commerce, and business growth. This program will allow the City to provide WiFi internet to public locations where residents may frequent. (Downtown Area/NE 19 ave/Piazza's down the 163rd st Corridor, and Hanford Blvd)</p>	\$ 100,000.00	Information Technology
13	Infrastructure	Technology Improvements	<p>With the advent of COVID-19, it has become apparent that organizations need to scale their operations to support both mobile and remote workers. This project will completely move citywide email services and applications that we use every day to a cloud-based platform, thus ensuring connectivity, redundancy, and disaster recovery by hosting our data on multiple servers across the Country. In the case of reliability, all email accounts would be managed and accessible approximately 99.99% of the time. This program will also allow the City to purchase up-to-date electronics, including hardware (computers and tablets) and Software (licenses and subscriptions) The DocuSign solution will enable the City to electronically process contracts, grants, new hire employees agreements, supplier agreements, and everyday documents. Executime is a system that allows all departments to have their hourly employees clock in and out to a device that reconciles employees' time tracking. Which, in return, will produce a report to assist the payroll department.</p>	\$ 500,000.00	Information Technology
14	Youth & Education Opportunities	Financial Literacy Courses/Sessions	<p>One of the significant deficiencies affecting our community is the overall lack of financial literacy. Not understanding fundamental topics such as managing debt, saving and investing, 401k and IRA investing for retirement, and the dangers of credit card debt, create generational wealth gaps and keep families from getting ahead. This program will provide much-needed information that will form the foundation needed to reduce poverty and improve the financial health of our residents. This program will be targeted to educate the students and persons from foreign countries on conducting their financials.</p>	\$ 20,000.00	Library
15	Youth & Education Opportunities	Tutor.com Program	<p>Tutor.com is a one-on-one online service that helps with assignments, practice tests, and job search services. The services support over 50 subjects, study tools, research papers assistance, and live one-on-one tutoring by qualified and trained tutors. Students in grades K-12 who need help in over 65+ subjects can log in on the service daily from 2-9 p.m. on the Tutor.com website. The site also provides college prep exams, resume assistance, college application assistance, and more. The City will cover the annual subscription fees for the online service.</p>	\$ 60,000.00	Library
16	Youth & Education Opportunities	College Scholarship Program	<p>This program will allow NMB residents who are students; to receive a scholarship to a state college to assist with tuition and/or purchase books that coincide with curriculum.</p>	\$ 150,000.00	Library
17	Economic Stabilization	Utility Assistance to Residents	<p>The City of North Miami Beach will offer customers the One-Time Lifetime Credit for hardship-related inability to pay utility bills. The credit usually is one billing cycle's bill. Many customers took advantage of this credit during the COVID crisis due to lost jobs or illness. Granting these credits means the City wrote off the amounts due from the customers resulting in lost revenues. Many customers have been negatively affected by COVID-19, from losing their jobs to contracting the virus themselves, causing them not to pay their utility bills. The City can use some of the ARP allocations to assist both individual households and perhaps multiunit accounts. If approved by ARP, the program will recover those lost revenues. Award \$300.00 per account (currently called the We Care Program, which has depleted funds)</p>	\$ 300,000.00	NMBWater
18	Infrastructure	Septic to Sewer Conversion	<p>Due to the current trend of rising sea levels, there is a correlated increase of inland groundwater, which continues to affect the septic systems' efficacy. It is critical for public health and safety to assure that existing septic systems are appropriately abandoned, including the drain field, and for the residents' transition to a centralized sanitary sewer system.</p>	\$ 400,000.00	NMBWater

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19	Infrastructure	Vac Truck and Drain Screens	The NMBWater requests to purchase a new combination Vac truck at the cost of approximately \$450,000.00. Due to the pandemic, the amount of maintenance required to our infrastructure has increased. With more people at home, especially during the lockdown, we experienced more backups than usual. After an assessment and extensive research, more grease and cooking oils are being introduced into our system. In return, causes the mainline clogs and the number of flushable wipes and other debris make it to our sanitary lift stations that clog and or damage our pumps. This program will also support the purchase of drain screens to mitigate the collect of debris in the run-off water from clogging the sewer drains.	\$ 400,000.00	NMBWater
20	Infrastructure	Traffic Circle / Radar Signs	This common traffic device can mitigate traffic crashes by individuals who fail to stop at a stop sign. This solution provides safety to the surrounding homes by requiring all vehicles to slow down and yield when approaching the area. (Grant Match)	\$ 810,000.00	Police Department
21	Public Relations	Public Outreach	This program will inform and educate the public about all of the various programs and services we provide to assist residents and local businesses in North Miami Beach. We will also notify the public on how the ARPA funds were allocated to improve city infrastructure, capital improvements, projects, and programs enhancing the value of life in North Miami Beach, vaccinations site, and testing centers to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. This public outreach campaign will allow the City to advertise through available media platforms to reach as many residents as possible, including flyers, direct mailings, email marketing, radio ads, and broadcasts. This program will focus on Outreach and Education. This initiative will also include a city QRC code to all literature to bring individuals to the calendar, and currents list on the cities website.	\$ 95,000.00	Public Relations
	Public Relations	Community Engagement	This program will allow community engagement to ensure the community members gain access to valued social settings and activities, feel that they are able to contribute meaningfully to those activities, and develop functional capabilities that enable them to participate fully.	\$ 105,000.00	Public Relations
22	Infrastructure	Capital Investments in Parks, Facilities, and Bus Shelters	Our park facilities always have and continue to help meet our resident's needs. They have served a vital role during the pandemic. Some of the facilities are utilized for food drives, vaccinations centers, after-care programs, and tutoring services. Due to the continued usage of these facilities, there is a need for routine maintenance. These capital improvement projects will make the necessary repairs to keep our facilities up and running while maintaining regular maintenance. These capital improvement projects are critical to the facilities and required to maintain the continuity of the facility. This project will include the construction of Washington Park and additional improvements to other park facilities. This program will also purchase and install a bus shelter to enhance the passengers' riding experience and, most importantly, protect them from natural elements like sun, rain, and wind.	\$ 1,200,000.00	Public Works
23	Infrastructure	Critical Infrastructure (Road and Bridges)	Several infrastructure improvements have gone unfunded due to other funding priorities and reductions in revenue. This program will provide funding to address the roads and bridges that require maintenance and repairs.	\$ 1,400,000.00	Public Works
24	Infrastructure	Air Purifiers for City Buildings	This product covers up to 2000 sq. ft. (recommend 6 units throughout City Hall). It effectively removes up to 99.7% of allergens, traps airborne droplets, sterilizes antigens & pathogens, and absorbs odors, airborne chemicals, and gases. Additional air purifiers are recommended for various facilities with many visitors (i.e., Building Services, CP&D, Code Compliance, Library, etc.) The Air Pura 1-600 utilizes direct airflow for a quieter and more efficient performance; superior quality true HEPA and activated carbon with optional UV sterilization delivers truly clean air for offices and industrial applications, so that employees, visitors and the general public can enjoy healthier airflow.	\$ 120,000.00	Public Works
25	Infrastructure	Flood Elevation	Highland Village is identified as an area that frequently floods due to inadequate water run-off solutions. The City will use the funds to put in the proper drainage to mitigate localized flooding.	\$ 1,000,000.00	Public Works
26	Infrastructure	Bollards	Post installed to control road traffic and posts designed to prevent automotive vehicles from gaining access to restricted areas.	\$ 66,000.00	Public Works

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Total Program Cost FY 2022  
Total Program Funds Allocation FY 2022

\$ 9,604,000.00  
\$ 10,778,621.00

Sanitation Supplement

\$ 1,174,621.00