

RESOLUTION NO. 32-22

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CITY COUNCIL POLICY REGARDING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS

RECITALS:

On March 11, 2021 President Biden signed Public Law 117-2, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) to provide state, local and tribal governments with the resources needed to respond to the pandemic and its economic effects and to build a stronger, more equitable economy during the recovery.

The City of Grand Junction was awarded \$10.4 million dollars of SLFRF. On May 17, 2021, the U.S. Department of the Treasury issued the final rule ("Final Rule") which implements the ARPA statutory provisions and defines and describes eligible and ineligible uses of SLFRF.

Grounded in the Final Rule, the City Council created a community advisory board ("Board") to make recommendations to the Council on how to appropriate and expend funds to aid local recovery. While the Board has yet to finalize its recommendation(s), the City Council, with this Resolution, does establish the following policies relative to the Board's consideration of recommendation(s) to the City Council for the appropriation and expenditure of ARPA/SLFR funds ("Recovery Funds").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL THAT the City Council will:

- 1) Consider the recommendation(s) of the Board as it, or as a majority of it may determine, on how best to appropriate and expend the Recovery Funds and report the recommendation(s) in writing to the Council.

The Recommendation(s) of the Board shall, as reasonably as possible, pertain to projects and/or programs that will sustain and strengthen economic recovery, maintain vital public services and make investments that support long-term growth, opportunity and equity within the City. Examples of such include, affordable housing, childcare facilities, broadband access affordability and reliability and water and sewer infrastructure, particularly for the benefit of those impacted or disproportionately impacted by the pandemic, and.

- 2) After receiving the Board's recommendation(s) regarding the appropriation and expenditure of the Recovery Funds confirm with the City Council, or as a

majority of it may determine, by ordinance, that the funds will be appropriated and spent for ARPA/SLFR purposes.

FURTHERMORE, be it resolved that the City Council does authorize William Wade, as Chair of the Board and Ben Herman a Vice Chair of the Board, with the assistance of City staff, to develop the Board's recommendation(s), as defined and described herein. While meetings of the Board are open to the public and shall be noticed in the same manner as other meetings of City boards and commissions, the City Council does not require the Board to keep minutes or other records of its deliberations; however, the Board shall issue to the City Council a written report at the conclusion of its work, which report shall provide the Board's recommendation(s) regarding the appropriation and expenditure of the Recovery Funds.

GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL



C.B. McDaniel
President of the City Council

ATTEST:



Laura Bauer
Interim City Clerk

