

Ordinance No. 303-2021

By Mayor Jackson

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Director of Finance to apply for and accept any eligible funding from the U.S. Department of the Treasury authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act, including but not limited to, reimbursing the City for any revenue losses in any given year from 2020-2024 and for any additional expenses incurred related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHEREAS, to respond to the COVID-19 public health crisis, The American Rescue Plan of 2021 (ARPA) is providing fast and direct economic assistance for American workers, families, small businesses, and industries. The ARPA continues many of the programs started by the CARES Act (2020) and Consolidated Appropriations Act (2021) by adding new phases, new allocations, and new guidance to address issues related to the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result of this economic crisis, the U.S. Department of the Treasury is providing needed relief to state, local, and Tribal governments to enable them to continue to support the public health response and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable economic recovery; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to accept ARPA grants to assist in responding to and mitigating the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department and constitutes an emergency measure providing for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health and safety in the timely authorization and the signing of the necessary agreements and documents to receive such grants; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That the Director of Finance is authorized to apply for and accept funding from the U.S. Department of Treasury as authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, including, but not limited to, reimbursing the City for any revenue losses in any given year from 2020-2024, reimbursing the City for additional expenses incurred related to the COVID-19 pandemic and providing support for a recovery – including through assistance to households, small businesses and nonprofits, and aid to impacted industries as permitted by H.R. 1319 – 117th Congress and any applicable regulations issued by the U.S. Department of Treasury.

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Section 2. That the Director of Finance is authorized to deposit the funds received under Section 1 of this ordinance for reimbursement of revenue losses in the appropriate accounts.

Section 3. That this Council affirms any ARPA funds received from the U.S. Department of Treasury may be expended only to cover costs of the City of Cleveland consistent with the requirements of H.R. 1319 – 117th Congress, and any applicable regulations. That the Clerk of Council shall certify a copy of this ordinance to any agency, department, or division of the United States, State of Ohio, or Cuyahoga County as may be required to receive and expend such funds.

Section 4. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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FOR: Mayor Jackson

