

RESOLUTION R24-02-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, REPLACING RESOLUTION R-23-05-12, R-22-06-16 AND R21-09-22 STATING THE INTENDED USES OF THE STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS ALLOTMENT THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT.

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the United States Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which provides fiscal relief to State and Local Governments and other program areas aimed at mitigating the continuing effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act is intended to provide support to local governments in responding to the impact of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act includes Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to support urgent COVID response efforts to decrease the spread of the virus; to replace lost public sector revenue to strengthen support for vital public services; to support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses; and to address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to unequal impacts of the pandemic on certain populations; and

WHEREAS, the final rule of the coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) allows jurisdictions to utilize a standard revenue gross allowance of up to \$10 million; and

WHEREAS, the Interim Final Rule for ARPA Flex allows for spending to provide for spending on emergency relief, transportation infrastructure eligible projects and for any program, project or service that is also eligible under HUD's Community Development Block Grant program; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Mirage, as the recipient, accepts the award of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds of \$11,940,792; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Mirage has its full distribution of funds; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Treasury has adopted the Final Rule as guidance regarding the use of American Rescue Plan Act Funds; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution is intended as a statement of intent of the Council to expend the City's American Rescue Plan Act Funds in accordance with Federal Law and guidance for the current critical needs and priorities for which there is consensus as set forth below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of El Mirage that:

- 1) The City Manager, subject to provision 9 of this Resolution, be authorized to spend funds in compliance with the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and in accordance with guidance from the U.S. Department of Treasury for the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery.
- 2) It is the intent of the Council that funds from Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for expenditure of lost revenue on governmental services be prioritized and expended for governmental services as follows:
 - a) Northern Parkway Corridor
 - b) Affordable Housing
 - c) Technology and Communication Upgrades
 - d) Public Safety Personnel
 - e) Public Safety Equipment
 - f) Community Services Personnel
 - g) Emergency Operations Center
 - h) Hohokam Multi-use Trail
- 3) It is the intent of the Council that funds from Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for expenditure for public health and safety measures and negative economic impacts from the pandemic be prioritized and expended as follows:
 - a) Homelessness Outreach
 - b) Police Neighborhood Enforcement Team
 - c) Senior Meals
 - d) Transit
 - e) Utility and Housing Assistance
 - f) Senior Bus Transportation
- 4) All necessary actions be taken to apply for and receive funds from state and federal sources for which the city is eligible.
- 5) Funds be accounted for in the amount of \$11,940,792, which was received in two tranches, with 50% in 2021 and 50% in 2022.
- 6) Appropriations be established in an amount equal to funds received.
- 7) Appropriations, expenses, and/or cash between funds established be transferred for the Coronavirus recovery response.
- 8) Any agreements necessary to receive Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds be executed.

- 9) Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed as superseding any action otherwise required by the City Council to authorize the City Manager to enter into requisite contracts associated with expenditures outlined above.
- 10) This Resolution shall be effective at the soonest date after its passage and approval, according to law.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council on the 6th day of February 2024.

Alexis Hermosillo, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Sharon Antes, City Clerk

Justin Pierce, City Attorney