



Anchorage Assembly Approves Resolution to Distribute \$51M in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds to Local Businesses, Nonprofits and Organizations

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At last night's Regular Anchorage Assembly Meeting, the Assembly voted 10-2 to approve Anchorage Resolution 2022-178(S) as amended, a resolution appropriating the second tranche of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to local businesses, nonprofits and individuals working toward community recovery.

"Over the past two years, we distributed a record-breaking \$214M to local businesses, nonprofits and individuals that helped prevent an economic crisis and delivered valuable services to people in need," said **Acting Chair Christopher Constant** during the meeting. "With this third and final round of \$51M in federal relief funding, the Assembly recognized the unique opportunity and responsibility to do as much good in the community as possible."

The Assembly received more than 160 submissions totaling \$262M in funding requests. Nearly every single project submitted was worthy of funding and very much needed for the community. Through a transparent and collaborative decision-making process spanning four months, members identified a list of 72 projects that focused on economic resilience, increasing our competitiveness as a destination city and making all parts of our city vibrant and welcoming.

While the amended resolution will take about two weeks to be published in the Public Portal for Assembly Documents, the proposed resolution as introduced at the August 9 meeting is available online: <https://ancgov.info/AR2022-178S>

Amendments made to the resolution include adding Section 67 to appropriate \$500,000 to Shiloh Community Housing, Inc for the Fresh Beginning Project, increasing the appropriation to Enlaces from \$16,000 to \$160,000 and reducing funding across several projects to accommodate those increases without jeopardizing the reduced projects' viability. Notably, another amendment revised the \$11.9 million project to purchase low

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income, extremely low income and permanent supportive housing units in order to be granted to the Rasmuson Foundation rather than the Alaska Community Foundation.

Assembly Leadership thanks the Mayor's Office and Ken Miller, ARPA Grant Administrator, for their work to distribute funding to community partners and build collaborative relationships to ensure the success of funded programs.

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