



# MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

## Assembly Memorandum

No. AM XXX-2021

Meeting Date: May 12, 2021

1 **From:** Mayor

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3 **Subject:** A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY  
4 APPROPRIATING AMERICAN RESUCE PLAN ACT OF 2021 LOCAL  
5 FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY-  
6 ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED  
7 EIGHTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$51,658,683) AND ALLOCATING IN THE  
8 SAME AMOUNT TO PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS, WHEN TENDERED.

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10 Background

11 On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law by the  
12 President. Section 9901 of ARPA amended Title VI of the Social Security Act (the Act) to  
13 add section 603, which establishes the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (the  
14 Fiscal Recovery Fund) for metropolitan cities, nonentitlement units of local government,  
15 and counties. The Fiscal Recovery Fund is intended to provide support to local  
16 governments in responding to the impact of COVID-19 and efforts to contain COVID-19  
17 on our communities, residents, and businesses. The Fiscal Recovery Funds build on and  
18 expand the support provided to these governments over the last year, including through  
19 the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF).

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21 Through the Fiscal Recovery Fund, Congress provided local governments with significant  
22 resources to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and its economic impacts  
23 through four categories of eligible uses. Section 603(c)(1) provide that funds may be used:

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25 a) To respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts,  
26 including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to  
27 impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;
- 28 b) To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public  
29 health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers;
- 30 c) For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue  
31 due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the  
32 most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency; and
- 33 d) To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

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35 In addition, Congress clarified two types of uses which do not fall within these four  
36 categories. Section 603(c)(2) provides that these eligible uses do not include, and thus  
37 funds may not be used for, depositing funds into any pension fund.

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39 Efforts To-Date

40 Over the past two months, the Anchorage Assembly and the Administration have worked  
41 tirelessly to identify the needs of Anchorage residents and businesses; convened many

1 meetings with members of the public and business, nonprofit, and social service groups;  
2 and conducted two separate day-long meetings on March 19 and March 26 to develop  
3 the framework, guiding principles, and proposed relief measures in the attached  
4 resolution.

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6 During these sessions, the Anchorage Assembly and the administration heard from a  
7 wide assortment of individuals, nonprofits, businesses, and organizations on successes  
8 of the previous (CRF) relief programs; the remaining needs of individuals and industries  
9 affected by the COVID-19 pandemic that did not receive relief from the CRF; and the  
10 current needs for relief of forward-looking economic and community improvement efforts  
11 to sustain – and grow – the Anchorage economy.

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13 On May 10, 2021, the Secretary of the Treasury issued Interim Final Rule RIN 1505-AC77  
14 to implement the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and the Coronavirus Local  
15 Fiscal Recovery Fund established under the American Rescue Plan Act. Relief measures  
16 provided during the previous two months have been evaluated against the guidelines  
17 within this Interim Final Rule and, where deemed an eligible expenditure, have been  
18 added to the the Assembly Resolution and Attachment A.

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20 **THE ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.**

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26 231900-9000000-51579-530380 \$51,658,683  
27 (State Direct/Federal Pass-Thru Grants Funds)

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29 Concur: Anna C. Henderson, Municipal Manager  
30 Respectfully submitted: Austin Quinn-Davidson, Acting Mayor

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32 Attachment: AR 2021-XX Omnibus ARPA Appropriation - Attachment A.xlsx