

RESOLUTION 2021-012

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF PAOLA, KANSAS TO ACCEPT ANY FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE CITY BY STATE OF KANSAS THROUGH THE STATE'S AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND AND ACKNOWLEDGING THAT ACCEPTANCE AND USE OF FUNDS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO TERMS DESIGNED TO ENSURE TRANSPARENCY, EQUITY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE LAWFUL USE OF THE FUNDS.

WHEREAS, securing the health, safety, and economic well-being of our residents is CITY OF PAOLA'S top priority;

WHEREAS, CITY OF PAOLA is facing both a public health and economic crisis – the pandemic and public health emergency of COVID-19 – which has resulted in illness, quarantines, school closures, and temporary closure of businesses resulting in lost wages and financial hardship to Kansas citizens;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared a pandemic on March 11, 2020;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States pursuant to Sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. § 1601, et seq. and consistent with Section 1135 of the Social Security Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 1320b-5), declared a national emergency that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency beginning March 1, 2020;

WHEREAS, as of this date, in MIAMI COUNTY there have been 2,836 reported positive cases of COVID-19, and 41 deaths;

WHEREAS, CITY OF PAOLA must remain flexible to account for the evolving nature and scope of the unprecedented public health emergency posed by COVID-19, while also simultaneously beginning the process of economic recovery and revitalization;

WHEREAS, for the aforementioned and other reasons, and in recognition and furtherance of our responsibility to provide for and ensure the health, safety, security, and welfare of the people of CITY OF PAOLA, CITY OF PAOLA has determined that the evolving public health and economic threats posed by COVID-19 require a proactive approach to provide immediate financial relief and long-term economic investment to communities within CITY OF PAOLA;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021 the President of the United States signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to provide continued relief from the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, approximately \$350 billion of the ARPA funding was allotted to assist state, local, tribal, and territory governments in responding to the coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the CITY OF PAOLA is expected to receive \$867,610.08 in funding; such funding to be received in two tranches, approximately one half within 60 days of the plan passage, and the remaining funding approximately 12 months later, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the authority vested in the PAOLA CITY COUNCIL, including the authority granted to this body by constitutional home rule in order to continue the process of safely, strategically, and proactively providing the resources the city needs to both mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and invest in long-term economic recovery, the PAOLA CITY COUNCIL accepts the allocation of funds from the Federal Government through the American Rescue Plan Act; and such funds will be placed in a special revenue fund for the sole purpose of tracking all approved transactional activities.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CITY OF PAOLA will adhere to the existing, additional, and amended guidelines as set forth by the federal government in the allocation or distribution of said funds, including the *Assurances of Compliance with Civil Rights Requirements* and the *Terms and Conditions* set by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

This document shall be filed with the Paola City Clerk. It shall become effective as of July 13, 2021.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by vote of the governing body of the City of Paola, Kansas on July 13, 2021.

CITY OF PAOLA, KANSAS



ATTEST:


Stephanie Marler, City Clerk


Artie Stuterville, Mayor