

RESOLUTION NO. 25-15

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS RECEIVED UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FOR THE CITY OF CHIPLEY, FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) provides funds to local governments for the purpose of aiding in their recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chipley has been allocated funds under the ARPA; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Chipley desires to utilize these funds for the purposes outlined in Exhibit A attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHIPLEY, FLORIDA, THAT:

1. The City Council of the City of Chipley hereby authorizes the expenditure of the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") funds allocated to the City of Chipley for the purposes and in accordance with the terms outlined in Exhibit A attached hereto.
2. This Resolution pertains to the allocation and use of funds received under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), aimed at providing emergency assistance for local governments in response to the economic and health effects of COVID-19.
3. The City Council hereby resolves to allocate the ARPA funds in accordance with the following priorities:
 - a. Support for public health expenditures, by funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, and behavioral healthcare services.
 - b. Address negative economic impacts caused by the pandemic, including assistance to unemployed workers, support for small businesses, and aid for industries hit hardest by the pandemic.
 - c. Provide premium pay for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors.
 - d. Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, to improve access to clean water, support vital wastewater treatment, and expand broadband internet access for education, telehealth, and remote work.
4. All allocations and expenditures of ARPA funds by the City Council shall comply with the guidelines and restrictions set forth by the ARPA and any other applicable federal, state, and local laws. The City Council shall also ensure transparency and accountability in the distribution and use of these funds, including providing regular updates to the public on how funds are being utilized.
5. Compliance. All expenditures of the ARPA funds shall be in compliance with the terms and conditions of the American Rescue Plan Act, including any guidance issued by the United States Department of the Treasury. The City Council shall ensure that all uses of the funds are in strict accordance with the statutory requirements and regulations as

outlined in the ARPA, and shall maintain adequate records and documentation to demonstrate compliance with these requirements.

6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council. The immediate effectiveness of this resolution is crucial to ensure timely compliance and implementation of projects and initiatives funded under the ARPA.
7. If any provision of this resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this resolution are severable.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 30TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024.

CITY OF CHIPLEY

ATTEST:

Tracy L. Andrews, Mayor

Sherry Snell,
City Clerk