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DIRECT REFERRAL TO FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Res. No. 144 - 21 - 22. By Alderpersons Mitchell and Filicky-Peneski.
February 28, 2022.

A RESOLUTION authorizing an additional \$200,000 of American Rescue Plan Act funds to be allocated to the Small Business Emergency Assistance Program.

WHEREAS, in March 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA"), which included \$65 billion in recovery funds for cities across the country, became law; and

WHEREAS, ARPA funds are intended to provide support to state, local, and tribal governments in responding to the impact of COVID-19 and in their efforts to contain COVID-19 in their communities, residents, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, approximately \$22.8 million has been allocated to the City of Sheboygan and in the first tranche, the City has received \$11,003,103; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council adopted Res. No. 71-21-22 on October 18, 2021, allocating \$160,000 towards the Small Business Emergency Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the Department of City Development launched the program on January 24, 2022 and has since awarded the \$160,000 in emergency funds to 18 small businesses with 25 or fewer employees struggling due to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council had previously allocated \$9,950,000 to the Lakeshore Sanitary Sewer Inceptor project, however the City has received notice from FEMA that they are dedicating funds for this project, meaning additional funds are available for programs such as the Small Business Emergency Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council, in Res. No. 71-21-22 indicated that "any number of factors . . . could make it in the best interest of the City for the actual expenditures of ARPA funds to differ from" the amounts set forth in that resolution; and

WHEREAS, the receipt of FEMA funds opens up the use of ARPA funds for additional programs, and it is in the best interest of the City to dedicate some of those funds to further assistance to small businesses impacted by the pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Common Council hereby authorizes the appropriate City officials to use up to an additional \$200,000 in ARPA funds to continue the Small Business Emergency Assistance Program to provide funds to businesses impacted by the pandemic.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was duly passed by the Common Council of the City of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, on the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Dated _____ 20____. _____, City Clerk

Approved _____ 20____. _____, Mayor