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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2021-167

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

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8 **WHEREAS**, the Unites States Congress passed and President Biden signed the
9 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, on March 11, 2021; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, a \$1.9 trillion dollar relief bill,
12 established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to provide \$130
13 billion in emergency funding for eligible local governments; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Anchorage is set to receive \$103,317,366 in two
16 tranches, with 50% (\$51,658,683) to be provided beginning in May 2021 and the
17 balance delivered no later than 12 months later; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (Recovery Fund) is
20 intended to provide support to State, local, and Tribal governments in responding to
21 the impact of COVID-19 on communities, residents, and businesses; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, the Recovery Fund also is intended to support government services to
24 the extent of reduced revenues due to the COVID-19 public health emergency
25 relative to revenues in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, in addition to helping local governments address the revenue losses
28 experienced as a result of the crisis the Recovery Fund is meant to provide
29 assistance to households, small businesses and nonprofits, aid to impacted
30 industries, and to invest in infrastructure, including water, sewer, and broadband
31 services; and

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33 **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage Assembly and the Administration have worked over the
34 past two months to identify the needs of Anchorage residents and businesses;
35 convened many meetings with members of the public and business, nonprofit, and

1 social service groups; and conducted two separate day-long meetings on March 19
2 and March 26 to develop the framework, guiding principles, and proposed relief
3 measures in this resolution; now, therefore

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5 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:**

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7 **Section 1.** The Municipality is hereby authorized to fund, from American Rescue
8 Plan Act of 2021 Local Fiscal Recovery Funds the projects and programs in the
9 amounts stated below.

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11 **Section 2.** That an amount not to exceed Two Million Five Hundred Thousand
12 Dollars (\$2,500,000) are available for Gift Card “Voucher” payments to those
13 applicants on the waitlist through the Business Boutique “Gift Card Voucher”
14 program.

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16 **Section 3.** That an amount not to exceed Seven Hundred Forty-One Thousand
17 and Six Hundred Dollars (\$741,600) are available for Nonprofit relief grants for those
18 applicants on the waitlist through the Cook Inlet Lending Center “Nonprofit Relief”
19 program.

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21 **Section 4.** That an amount not to exceed Eight Million Seven Hundred Seventy-
22 Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,778,000) are available for Small Business Relief grants
23 for those applicants on the waitlist through the Cook Inlet Lending Center “Small
24 Business Relief” program.

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26 **Section 5.** That an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) are
27 available for Visit Anchorage to amplify and expand consumer campaigns,
28 strengthen the ability to tap into new travelers, and meet shifting consumer demand.

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30 **Section 6.** That an amount not to exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000) are
31 available to provide additional and expanded tourism business grants that will allow
32 more businesses to staff up, prepare product, market, and serve visitors as they
33 begin to travel again.

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35 **Section 7.** That an amount not to exceed Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars
36 (\$800,000) are available for Individual Artists grants for those applicants on the
37 waitlist through the Cook Inlet Lending Center “Individual Artist Relief” program.

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39 **Section 8.** That an amount not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) are
40 available for round 2 relief to our Cultural Pillars, including the Anchorage Museum,
41 the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts, the Alaska Native Heritage Center, the
42 Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, and the Alaska Zoo.

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44 **Section 9.** That an amount not to exceed Two Million Two Hundred Forty
45 Thousand Dollars (\$2,240,000) are available for the Restaurant Rescue Meals
46 Program to continue this program through the rest of 2021.

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Section 10. That an amount not to exceed Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) are available to fund business personal property tax relief to eligible taxpayers financially impacted by government orders, as an economic stimulus measure in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Section 11. That an amount not to exceed One Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$195,000) are available to Anchorage Community Land Trust to cover technical assistance staffing for three full time staff that will manage outreach and support for neighborhood businesses.

Section 12. That an amount not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) are available to the Foraker Group to cover temporary technical assistance hiring of navigators and grant writers who will specifically focus on helping nonprofits access relief and recovery funding.

Section 13. That an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) are available to Thread to cover technical assistance staffing costs to help support childcare providers get access to federal relief and grant opportunities within the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Section 14. That an amount not to exceed One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000) are available to fund one (1) iTeam FTE dedicated to helping families access federal benefits/relief funding for which they are eligible from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Section 15. That an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) are available to the Business Boutique to communicate funding opportunities to BIPOC owned small businesses.

Section 16. That an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000) are available to Anchorage Community Land Trust to expand the Anchorage Online Bootcamp module and make services available to another 30 businesses through 2022.

Section 17. That an amount not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) are available to the Alaska Manufacturing Extension Partnership to provide technical assistance for Anchorage manufacturers that focus on supply chains and logistics efficiency.

Section 18. That an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) is available to the Alaska Works Partnership for recruitment and retention specialists to work with local high schools and non-traditional hiring locations to provide basic skills training, industry education, and career coaching to Anchorage community members who are interested in a career in Alaska's construction, oil, gas, mining, transportation and maritime industries to ensure Alaska's workforce is

1 ready with the American Jobs Plan.
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3 **Section 19.** That an amount not to exceed Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred
4 Dollars (\$14,500) are made available to the Anchorage Economic Development
5 Corporation to establish a user-friendly job search tool available to the public that
6 would allow job seekers to search thousands of help-wanted postings on employer
7 websites and 3rd party job sites for position postings.
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9 **Section 20.** That an amount not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars
10 (\$150,000) are made available to SALT and Northern Compass Group to continue
11 work on the Roadmap for a Vital and Safe Anchorage for the next 18 months.
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13 **Section 21.** That an amount not to exceed Fifty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$56,000)
14 are made available to Northern Culture Exchange to produce a targeted economic
15 impact study, ecosystem assessment, and set of strategies and policy
16 recommendations to reignite the creative economy and ancillary businesses in
17 Anchorage.
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19 **Section 22.** That an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) are
20 made available to the Eagle River Food Pantry to serve the immediate needs of
21 local residents who are in need of extra financial assistance other than rental relief.
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23 **Section 23.** That an amount not to exceed Forty-four Thousand Dollars (\$44,000)
24 are made available to the Chugiak-Eagle River Senior Center to provide increased
25 broadband capacity and internet services for residents, staff, members, and guests.
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27 **Section 24.** That an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars
28 (\$200,000) are made available to the MacDonald Center to allow them to keep doors
29 open and continue serving the community with ice sales, turf fields, tournaments,
30 and private rentals.
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32 **Section 25.** That an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars
33 (\$200,000) are made available to the Alaska Child Welfare Academy to support the
34 development of a media and social media campaign to help recruit foster homes
35 and foster youth adoptive homes for a year.
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37 **Section 26.** That an amount not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars
38 (\$150,000) are made available to Nine Star's Net to Ladder program.
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40 **Section 27.** That an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars
41 (\$200,000) are made available to Alaska Legal Services Corporation to fund two (2)
42 attorneys, one dedicated to employment issues and one dedicated to preventing
43 housing instability.
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45 **Section 28.** That an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand
46 Dollars (\$258,000) are made available to the Anchorage Coalition to End

1 Homelessness to continue building a Coordinated Shelter Intake system with the
2 goal of linking persons to both the existing Homeless Response System resources
3 and mainstream benefits.

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5 **Section 29.** That an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
6 (\$500,000) are made available to Choosing our Roots to acquire a multi-unit
7 dwelling, which would be used to temporarily house youth participants (ages 18-24)
8 awaiting host home placement.

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10 **Section 30.** That an amount not to exceed Three Million Seven Hundred Fifty
11 Thousand Dollars (\$3,750,000) are available for hiring housing intensive case
12 managers and rental relief for those individuals in this program that don't qualify for
13 federal rent relief.

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15 **Section 31.** That an amount not to exceed One Million Six Hundred Twenty-three
16 Thousand One Hundred Sixty-five Dollars (\$1,623,165) are available to the House
17 of Transformations to provide housing, addiction treatment, vocational and
18 apprenticeship training, and other wrap around services for persons experiencing
19 homelessness.

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21 **Section 32.** That an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars
22 (\$300,000) are made available to Shiloh Community Housing, Inc. to provide
23 accessible, affordable, and quality housing for young adults 16-24 years of age.
24 Funding will support their transitional housing program for young adults
25 experiencing homelessness who also experience employment barriers.

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27 **Section 33.** That an amount not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) are
28 available for the Fast Track Career Certificate Program at the University of Alaska-
29 Anchorage, which offers short-term, job-oriented certificates requiring 16-19 credits
30 over 2-3 semesters. This funding would be offered to those who are unemployed
31 and would focus on re-training and skill upgrades.

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33 **Section 34.** That an amount not to exceed Fourteen Million Sixty-six Thousand
34 Four Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$14,066,418) are reserved for the Municipality of
35 Anchorage to recover 'lost revenue' since the COVID-19 emergency. These funds
36 will be available for the following programs:

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38 a. That an amount not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars
39 (\$125,000) are available for Girdwood Fire and Rescue Services.
40 b. That an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
41 (\$500,000) are available to Development Services to fund the Rhythm of
42 Civics online customer portal to minimize in-person interactions and
43 provide customers with a seamless application and payment process.
44 c. That an amount not to exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000)
45 are available to the Library to provide homeschooling materials to include
46 homeschool curriculum reading lists, educational books and DVDs, and

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- STEM kits.
- d. That an amount not to exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) are available to the Library to meet demand for digital materials, such as the Library's online Worldbook Encyclopedia and the online learning platform Lynda.com.
- e. That an amount not to exceed Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) are available to the Library to purchase 100 MiFi's that will support low-income customers through 2022.
- f. That an amount not to exceed Forty-five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) are made available to the Library to purchase COVID-aware workstations at the Chugiak-Eagle River Library that allow workers to return to public offices.
- g. That an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000) are available to the Library to create an entrepreneurial space at the library. This location would have a special keying system to allow for entrance even when the library is closed.
- h. That an amount not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) are available to Parks and Recreation to fund seasonal activities dedicated to providing diverse and targeted programming in our parks and trails for underserved communities.
- i. That an amount not to exceed Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000) are made available to Parks and Recreation to provide permit fee relief for the remainder of 2021.
- j. That an amount not to exceed Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000) are available to Parks and Recreation for Beetle Kill Mitigation Round 2 throughout Anchorage and Eagle River-Chugiak.
- k. That an amount not to exceed Thirty-three Thousand Dollars (\$33,000) are available to the Anchorage Economic Development Corporation to fund a Road to Recovery assessment that would focus on development ideas, options, and ways Anchorage can recover and start on a path of success post-COVID.
- l. That an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) are available to Anchorage Downtown Partnership, Ltd. (ADP) to fund equipment upgrades for ADP to continue and expand their efforts to provide a clean and safe downtown.
- m. That an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) are available to the Midtown Community Council to provide assistance to the potential formation of a Midtown Improvement District.
- n. That an amount not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) are available to the Anchorage Community Development Authority to provide relief due to the lack of parking receipts that have come in during COVID-19.
- o. That an amount not to exceed Eight Hundred Thousand (\$800,000) are available to the Transit Department for Underground Fuel Storage Tank Remediation at Public Transportation. This funding will be used in conjunction with FTA grant funds to replace the fuel storage tank.

- p. That an amount not to exceed Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) are available to the Anchorage Health Department for facility safety and code upgrades to include replacement of the original antiquated boilers to include; engineering, abatement, and replacement.
- q. That an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) are available to the Anchorage Police Department for improvements at the Jewel Lake Training Center. In 2017, voters approved bond proposition 6 to complete this work, however, with the rising costs of supplies this project is in need of additional funds to complete the building improvements.
- r. That an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) are available to the Anchorage Fire Department to replace Emergency Medical Service (EMS) staff vehicles. This would allow for replacement of vehicles that have excessive mileage, suffer from unreliable performance, and have repairs that exceed the value of the vehicle.
- s. That an amount not to exceed Two Million Five Hundred Forty-three Thousand Four Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$2,543,418) are available for Maintenance and Operations for replacement of existing fleet inventory and have met their useful lives. Vehicles used beyond their useful lives can experience frequent down time and high maintenance costs if not replaced in a timely fashion. This would include replacement for APD, General Government, and Heavy Equipment.

Section 35. That an amount not to exceed One Hundred Fifty-four Thousand Dollars (\$154,000) is available to the Chugiak-Eagle River Chamber of Commerce for Bear Paw Festival mitigation and festival costs; business support efforts through the Bandwagon technology platform and the “Shop Here ALL YEAR in Chugiak-Eagle River” program; and the “What’s in the Box?” digital business program.

Section 36. That an amount not to exceed Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) is available for one-time grants to the three major league (AAA) baseball teams based in Anchorage to help offset the revenue losses from the 2020 season.

Section 37. That an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000) is available to Revive Alaska Community Services to repair, expand, and upgrade food pantry/storage and distribution facility to meet increasing demands due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Section 38. That an amount not to exceed Four Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$470,000) to the Mountain View Health Services to expand health care capacity and clinic space in response to increased COVID-19 public health needs.

Section 39. That an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to the Anchorage Youth Court to support 2021 operational expenses following the lack of fundraising activities and opportunities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Section 40. That an amount not to exceed Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) to the volunteers of America Alaska to respond to children and youth mental health needs exacerbated by COVID-19.

Section 41. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Chair

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk