

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MN
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2021-065
ESTABLISHING THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan will deliver \$350 billion for eligible state, local, territorial, and tribal governments to respond to the COVID-19 emergency and bring back jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provide a substantial infusion of resources to help turn the tide on the pandemic, address its economic fallout, and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provide relief to:

- Support urgent COVID-19 response efforts to continue to decrease spread of the virus and bring the pandemic under control; and
- Replace lost revenue for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs; and
- Support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses; and
- Address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the unequal impact of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provide substantial flexibility for each government to meet local needs—including support for households, small businesses, impacted industries, essential workers, and the communities hardest hit by the crisis. These funds can also be used to make necessary investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Northfield is currently estimated to receive approximately \$2.3 million in American Rescue Plan Local Fiscal Recovery Funds; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes an additional committee to advise the City on the allocation of American Rescue Plan local fiscal recovery fund would be advantageous; and

WHEREAS the American Rescue Plan Special Advisory Committee intends to meet as needed; and

WHEREAS, the Council has the Authority to create Boards and Commissions in accordance with Section 3.2 of the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.2 of the City Charter provides that the Mayor shall appoint the members of advisory boards and commissions subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the council which is proposed to occur at a future date.

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


The Northfield City Council establishes the "American Rescue Plan Special Advisory Committee" as follows:

1. Provide feedback and guidance in partnership with staff to provide recommendations to the City Council on:
 - a. Evaluation of community needs that would relate to eligible uses of funds; and
 - b. Evaluation of leveraging other partners or programs that were funded by the American Rescue Plan that may meet these needs; and
 - c. Identify options to bring to Council for the eligible expenses of funds that may include direct allocations or open programs for applications; and
 - d. Determine any urgency and prioritization of American Rescue Plan Local Fiscal Recovery funds related to timing of authorization of expenses.
2. The Committee shall consider Federal Guidance on eligible uses of funds and also local considerations including the City comprehensive plan, strategic plan, and other guiding plans and policies that may apply.
3. The American Rescue Plan Special Advisory Committee shall terminate effective upon majority approval of the City Council or when the City Council authorizes the final use of American Rescue Plan local fiscal recovery funds, whichever shall occur first.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Northfield on this 20th day of July, 2021.

ATTEST:


City Clerk


Mayor

VOTE: Y POWNELL Y GRABAU Y NAKASIAN Y NESS
 Y PETERSON WHITE Y REISTER Y ZUCCOLOTTO