

CITY OF NORTHFIELD
RESOLUTION NO. 2021-117

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND
ESTABLISHED UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

WHEREAS, since the first case of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) was discovered in the United States in January 2020, the disease has infected over 32 million and killed over 575,000 Americans (“Pandemic”). The disease has impacted every part of life: as social distancing became a necessity, businesses closed, schools transitioned to remote education, travel was sharply reduced, and millions of Americans lost their jobs; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the Pandemic cities have been called on to respond to the needs of their communities through the prevention, treatment, and vaccination of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, city revenues, businesses and nonprofits in the city have faced economic impacts due to the Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Congress adopted the American Rescue Plan Act in March 2021 (“ARPA”) which included \$65 billion in recovery funds for cities across the country; 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, \$1,097,428.33 has been received by the City of Northfield (“City”) pursuant to the ARPA (“Allocation”) on July 27, 2021; and

WHEREAS, \$1,097,662.23 was accepted by Council with Resolution No. 2021-073 on August 17, 2021; and

WHEREAS, some local governments did not request ARPA funding, and the amount unrequested was re-allocated to eligible local governments, and eligible local governments received an additional distribution; and

WHEREAS, \$35,937.76 has been received by the City of Northfield (“City”) pursuant to the ARPA (“Allocation”) on November 23, 2021; and

WHEREAS, \$2,195,324.46 is the original estimated total ARPA allocation to the City pursuant to the ARPA (“Allocation”) with remaining funds expected to be received in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Treasury has adopted guidance regarding the use of ARPA funds; and

WHEREAS, the City, in response to the Pandemic, has had expenditures and anticipates future expenditures consistent with the Department of Treasury's ARPA guidance; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota will distribute ARPA funds to the City because its population is less than 50,000.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City intends to collect its share of ARPA funds from the State of Minnesota to use in a manner consistent with the Department of Treasury's guidance.
2. City staff, together with the Mayor and the City Attorney are hereby authorized to take any actions necessary to receive the City's share of ARPA funds from the State of Minnesota for expenses incurred because of the Pandemic.
3. City staff, together with the Mayor and the City Attorney are hereby authorized to make recommendations to the City Council for future expenditures that may be reimbursed with ARPA funds.

Adopted by the City Council of Northfield, Minnesota this 7th day of December, 2021.

ATTEST

City Clerk

Mayor

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