

INTRODUCED: November 12, 2024

AN ORDINANCE No. 2024-301

To (i) amend Ord. No. 2021-291, adopted Oct. 25, 2021, which authorized the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept the first tranche of American Rescue Plan Act funds in the amount of \$77,439,914.00 from the United States Department of the Treasury and amended the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 General Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the General Fund Budget for certain agencies and reserves for contingencies by \$35,639,914.00, by transferring a portion of such \$35,639,914.00 in the amount of \$60,000.00 from the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, formerly known as the Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services; and (ii) amend Ord. No. 2024-099, adopted May 13, 2024, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by creating certain new line items in the Non-Departmental agency and the amount appropriated to such new line items in the Non-Departmental agency by \$60,000.00, all for the purpose of providing grants to expand access to early childhood care and education programs.

Patron – Mayor Stoney

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: DEC 9 2024 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That Ordinance No. 2021-291, adopted October 25, 2021, which authorized the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept the first tranche of American Rescue Plan Act funds in the amount of \$77,439,914.00 from the United States

AYES: _____ NOES: _____ ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: _____ REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

Department of the Treasury and amended the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the General Fund Budget for certain agencies and reserves for contingencies by \$35,639,914.00, by transferring a portion of such \$35,639,914.00 in the amount of \$60,000.00 from the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, formerly known as the Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services, for the purpose of providing grants to expand access to early childhood care and education programs.

§ 2. That Article I, Section 1 of Ordinance No. 2024-099, adopted May 13, 2024, which adopted a General Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, and made appropriations pursuant thereto, be and is hereby amended by:

(a) Creating the following new line items in the Non-Departmental agency:

- (1) ARPA - Children’s Museum of Richmond;
- (2) ARPA - Little Hands of Virginia, Inc.; and
- (3) ARPA - Read To Them, Inc. (for Imagination Library RVA); and

(b) Appropriating the funds in the amount of \$60,000.00 transferred pursuant to section 1 of this ordinance to the following new line items in the Non-Departmental agency created by subsection (a) of this section in the following amounts:

- (1) ARPA- Children’s Museum of Richmond..... \$10,000.00;
- (2) ARPA - Little Hands of Virginia, Inc.\$35,000.00; and
- (3) ARPA-Read To Them (for Imagination Library (RVA))... \$15,000.00,

all for the purpose of providing grants to expand access to early childhood care and education programs.

§ 2. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE



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Title

American Rescue Plan Act - Child Care and Parental Support Category Reappropriations

Body

O&R REQUEST

DATE: October 31, 2024

EDITION: 2

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

THROUGH: The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor

THROUGH: J.E. Lincoln Saunders, Chief Administrative Officer

THROUGH: Sabrina Joy-Hogg, Senior Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Finance and Administration

THROUGH: Sheila White, Director of Finance

THROUGH: Meghan Brown, Director of Budget and Strategic Planning

THROUGH: Traci Deshazor, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services

FROM: Eva Colen, Office of Children and Families

RE: American Rescue Plan Act - Child Care and Parental Support Category Reappropriations

PURPOSE: To amend Ord. No. 2024-099, adopted May 13, 2024, by (i) reducing \$60,000.00 from Child Care and Parental Support project as part of the city's American Rescue Plan Act Spend Plan in the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services budget; (ii) creating new line items in the Fiscal Year 2025 Non-Departmental agency budget; and (iii) appropriating such funds to these new line items.

Below provides details of the new line items in the FY25 Non-Departmental agency:

- Children's Museum of Richmond: \$10,000.00
 - Funding will support no-cost field trips for Richmond Public Schools elementary students

- Little Hands Virginia: \$35,000.00
 - Funding will support purchasing and distribution of basic supplies (e.g., diapers, safe sleep spaces, strollers, etc.) for infants and toddlers to caregivers with demonstrated need

- Read To Them (for Imagination Library RVA): \$15,000.00
 - Funding will support the continued expansion of Imagination Library RVA, the local affiliate of Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library, which distributes books by mail each month to enrolled children aged 0-5

BACKGROUND: On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law by the President. The ARPA is a \$1.9 trillion coronavirus rescue package designed to facilitate the United States’ recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Of the \$1.9 trillion, \$350 billion has been allocated to aid states, cities, tribal governments, and U.S. territories in their recovery efforts. The \$350 million in State & Local Recovery Funds, an amount of approximately \$155 million has been allocated to the City. This ordinance is to amend the FY23 budget to accept and appropriate the second tranche of those funds in the amount of \$77.4 million.

Ordinance 2021-291, adopted October 25, 2021, approved the original ARPA spending plan for the City of Richmond and to also appropriate the first tranche of ARPA funding. \$2,000,000.00 was allocated to the Child Care and Parental Supports project to expand access to early childhood care and education programs and to provide targeted support to families with young children.

The proposed appropriations achieve the goal of the Child Care and Parental Support project in the following ways:

- Children’s Museum of Richmond (CMoR): CMoR received a Heart of Richmond award of \$16,600.00. The additional \$10,000.00 in Fiscal Year 2025 will ensure more students at Title I elementary schools in RPS have access to free field trips and/or that more Richmond families experiencing economic disadvantage have access to discounted or free memberships.

- Little Hands Virginia: Little Hands received a Heart of Richmond award of \$16,600.00. Due to soaring costs, many families cannot afford basic items for their infants and toddlers. The additional \$35,000.00 will ensure that families with demonstrated financial need have access to items that keep babies safe and healthy - like safe sleep spaces, strollers, car seats, and diapers.

- Imagination Library RVA: Read To Them received a \$25,000.00 grant from the City in FY 2024 that allowed them to meet the surge of demand that greeted their launch in summer 2023. Interest and enrollments continue to grow. The initiative aligns with City and RPS priorities related to early childhood development and grade-level reading, and addresses an unmet need to create literacy-rich environments that foster strong reading and writing in early childhood.

The organization intends to submit an application for Non-Departmental funding in FY 2026. \$15,000.00 will help sustain operations through the close of FY 2025.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT: \$60,000.00 of ARPA funds will be transferred from the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services to three new Non-Departmental line items. These funds will then be dispersed to the Children’s Museum (\$10,000.00), Little Hands of Virginia, Inc. (\$35,000.00), and Read to Them (\$15,000.00) to expand access to early childhood care and education programs.

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon adoption.

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: November 12, 2024

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: December 9, 2024

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Education and Human Services Standing Committee

AFFECTED AGENCIES: Budget and Strategic Planning; Finance; City Attorney; Neighborhood & Community Services

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.: Ord. No. 2024-099; Ord. No. 2021-291

ATTACHMENTS: None.

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