

INTRODUCED: June 28, 2021

A RESOLUTION No. 2021-R040

As Amended

To express the Council’s intent to [~~appropriate 60 percent~~] give a high priority to the appropriation of [the] any funds the City receives from the American Rescue Plan Act [to] for community improvement and infrastructure projects [in South Richmond and underserved communities] based on considerations of equity.

Patron – Mr. Jones, Ms. Trammell and President Newbille

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: JUL 26 2021 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of the Council, the City anticipates receiving funds pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, H.R. 1319, 117th Cong., 1st Sess. (2021-2022) (the “Act”); and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that it is in the best interests of the City of Richmond [~~that 60 percent~~] to give a high priority to the appropriation of any funds received pursuant to the Act be appropriated, to the extent authorized by law, [to] for community improvement and infrastructure projects [in South Richmond and underserved communities from which the Council believes that funds have been historically divested] based on considerations of equity, with “equity” defined to mean fairness and justice designed to address the distinct historical and

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structural challenges of (i) non-dominant social groups, with the intent to acknowledge unequal starting places and correct the imbalance, and (ii) those geographic areas of the city of Richmond, and especially those areas annexed from the County of Chesterfield in 1970, that do not currently benefit from urban amenities, including, but not limited to, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and adequate drainage;

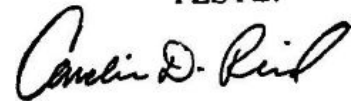
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

That, should the Act and any regulations or rules made pursuant thereto authorize the use of such funds for community improvement and infrastructure projects, the Council intends to ~~[appropriate 60 percent]~~ give a high priority to the appropriation of any funds received pursuant to the Act for community improvement and infrastructure projects [in South Richmond and underserved communities from which the Council believes that funds have been historically divested] based on considerations of equity as defined in this resolution's recitals.

A TRUE COPY:

TESTE:



City Clerk



Richmond City Council

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Richmond, Virginia

Office of the Council Chief of Staff

Ordinance/Resolution Request

TO Haskell Brown, Interim Richmond City Attorney
Richmond Office of the City Attorney

THROUGH Joyce L. Davis
Interim Council Chief of Staff

FROM Samson Anderson, Council Budget Analyst

COPY Michael Jones, 9th District Representative
Summer Morris, 9th District Liaison
Tabrica Rentz, Interim Deputy Richmond City Attorney

DATE June 17, 2021

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TITLE Allocation of American Rescue Plan funds to the Southside

This is a request for the drafting of an **Ordinance** **Resolution**

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

Michael Jones, 9th District Representative

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Finance and Economic Development

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

The patron requests a Resolution asking that 60% of the funds the City receives from the American Rescue Plan Act be allocated to Southside projects and projects in neighborhoods where communities of color have been historically disinvested from.

BACKGROUND

The City of Richmond is anticipated to receive \$115 million in federal relief dollars through the American Rescue Plan (ARP). Richmond will be receiving ARP funding both as a city and as a county due to its unique status as an independent city.

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (HR 1319) became law on March 11, 2021. The ARP was passed to assist individuals, families, small businesses, and localities in weathering the economic fallout for the COVID-19 pandemic.

Before the City of Richmond will receive and begin utilization of its ARP funding, the funds must first pass through and be allocated by the State of Virginia. At this time, the date of the disbursement of funds to the City of Richmond is unknown.

For more information please see the following web links:

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1319/text>

https://richmond.com/news/state-and-regional/govt-and-politics/virginia-cities-to-get-double-boost-from-american-rescue-plan-as-money-starts-to-flow/article_d39928fc-c8ba-5352-8d87-d55e6fbfb997.html

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact Yes No

Budget Amendment Required Yes No

Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact:

Attachment/s Yes No

Richmond City Council Ordinance/Resolution Request Form/updated 10.5.2012 /srs