



Legislation Text

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To express the Council’s intent, to the extent authorized by law, to prioritize the appropriation of any funds received by the City, whether from the United States government, the Commonwealth of Virginia, or otherwise, provided pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and the proposed American Jobs Plan of 2021.

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, 117<sup>th</sup> Cong., 1<sup>st</sup> Sess. (2021-2022) (the “Act”) and the American Jobs Plan of 2021, proposed by President Biden on March 31, 2021, if passed by Congress; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that it is in the best interests of the City of Richmond that any funds received pursuant to the Act or the proposed American Jobs Plan of 2021 be appropriated for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, to the extent authorized by law, in the order of priority set forth in this resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That, should the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, H.R. 1319, 117<sup>th</sup> Cong., 1<sup>st</sup> Sess. (2021-2022) (the “Act”), or the proposed American Jobs Plan of 2021, and any regulations or rules made pursuant thereto authorize the use of such funds for such purposes and should the Mayor recommend an amendment to the annual budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, to appropriate such funds for such purposes, the Council intends to appropriate funds received pursuant to the Act and the proposed American Jobs Plan of 2021 for the following purposes, in the following amounts, and in the following order of priority:

1. Affordable Housing Trust Fund . . . . . \$7,100,000
2. Eviction Prevention Services \$500,000
3. Homeless Services \$1,000,000
4. Conform Zoning Ordinance with Richmond 300 Comprehensive Plan \$350,000
5. Photo Speed Ticketing Equipment - RPS Zones \$150,000

6. Southside Community Center \$15,000,000
7. Scott's Addition Green Space \$250,000
8. James River Park Infrastructure \$900,000
9. Lakes at Byrd Park \$600,000
10. Grayland Tot Lot \$225,000
11. Reuger Playground \$110,000
12. Ann Hardy Plaza \$300,000
13. Hillside Court \$150,000
14. Hickory Hill Community Center \$800,000
15. Creighton Court \$4,708,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That, should funds become available pursuant to the Act and should such funds be authorized to be used for the purposes described in this resolution, the Council requests that the Mayor recommend as soon as is practicable an amendment to the annual budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022, to appropriate the funds described in this resolution for the purposes described in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Council does not intend that funding for the priorities set forth in this resolution be limited by the amounts specified in such document if additional funding for such priorities are available or required.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That, in the event that the funds received by the City, whether from the United States government, the Commonwealth of Virginia, or otherwise, provided pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and the proposed American Jobs Plan of 2021 may not be used for one or more of the priorities set forth in this resolution, the Council hereby requests that the Chief Administrative Officer identify, as soon as practicable, an alternative source of funding other than those funds for the Mayor to recommend to be appropriated to such priorities so that the Council may make

appropriations to address those priorities from such alternative source of funding.