

Proposed: 11/06/2023

ORDINANCE NO. 179-2023(COTW), *First Reading*

By All City Council Members

An Ordinance authorizing the allocation, appropriation and expenditure of ARPA funds.

WHEREAS, on the 11th Day of March 2021, the President of the United States, Joseph R. Biden, signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (hereafter "ARPA"), Public Law 117-2, authorizing, among other things, payment of direct subsidies to the general revenue funds of cities, counties, school districts, and other governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, the intended purpose of the direct subsidy payments to state and local governmental entities under the ARPA is to alleviate the effect of funding shortfalls; invest in state and local economic development; make necessary investments in water, sewer, and other infrastructure; and provide relief from the economic and societal hardships sustained during the onset of the Coronavirus Pandemic and COVID-19 illness, including assistance to households, small businesses and nonprofits, or to impacted industries such as tourism, travel and hospitality; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland Heights has received Thirty Eight Million Eight hundred Seventeen Thousand And Sixty Two Dollars (\$38,817,062.00) in direct payments from the enactment of the ARPA; and

WHEREAS, Council has previously passed Ord. No. 140-2021, directing the use of Eighteen Million Dollars (\$18,000,000.00) in ARPA funding for the performance of sewer infrastructure improvement projects described and allocating those funds for that purpose, to be drawn upon for design contracts, local match grant programs, and construction contracts, to the maximum possible extent, within the timing requirements of the ARPA; and,

WHEREAS, Council has previously passed Ord. No. 92-2021, allocating not less than FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$5,000,000) of ARPA funding for the business neighborhoods in the City Of Cleveland Heights as follows:

1) Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) for the South Taylor District from Cedar Road to Euclid Heights Boulevard; and

2) Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) for the Noble Road Corridor north of Mayfield Road to the City of East Cleveland; and

3) One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) to be spent in the other business districts in the City as the needs exist; and

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WHEREAS, subsequent to the passage of these Ordinances, community engagement on the allocation and spending of ARPA funds has been conducted at various locations throughout the City and over thirteen hundred (1,300) survey responses have been received from residents, businesses, community organizations and non-profits expressing respondents' preferences for the expenditure of ARPA funds; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Heights residents and businesses continue to experience physical and mental health stress and economic stress due to the pandemic and its effects; and

WHEREAS, Council wishes to provide for and authorize uses of ARPA funds, to address pandemic related stresses and effects, which have been determined through and pursuant to the community engagement activities described above which uses are identified in Exhibit B, attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, THAT:

SECTION 1. The expenditures of ARPA funds and/or allocations as described in Exhibit A to this Ordinance which have been previously approved by vote of Council.

SECTION 2. The new expenditures and/or allocations as described in Exhibit B are approved. All third-party recipients or their agents must comply with U.S. Dept. of Treasury Rules for the use or expenditure of ARPA funds.

SECTION 3. All awards to any third-party recipients are conditioned upon (A) the approval of the specific use by Guidehouse Inc.; and (B) execution of a written agreement with the City which among other things, may set forth terms, conditions and limitations accompanying any award or disbursement of ARPA funds to the recipient.

SECTION 4. The Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized to encumber and expend all funds as allocated in Exhibits A and B.

SECTION 5. The Mayor, Director of Law and Director of Finance or their designees, be and are hereby authorized to execute, certify and/or furnish other such documents and take all other actions, including entering into separate agreements as are necessary or incidental to further acceptance, appropriation and expenditure of ARPA funds and/or which are incidental to carrying out the purposes of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. The Director of Finance or his designee is hereby authorized to establish any additional funds or accounts, as may be necessary or incidental to the appropriation, encumbrance and/or expenditure of ARPA funds as allocated in Exhibit A.

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SECTION 7. The Director of Finance or his designee is hereby authorized to transfer all ARPA funds between and among any funds, sub-funds and accounts, as necessary to allow for the posting of prior and future expenses, not to exceed the total ARPA funds awarded to the City.

SECTION 8. Notice of the passage of this Ordinance shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights.

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MELODY HART  
President of the Council

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ADDIE BASESTER  
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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KAHIL SEREN  
Mayor

**EXHIBIT A to ORDINANCE NO. 179 - 2023**  
**PRIOR ALLOCATED OR APPROVED USE OF ARPA FUNDS**

**TOTAL 2021 & 2022 ARPA FUNDS RECEIVED \$38,817,062.00**

**Prior Ordinances Allocating or Authorizing Expenditures of ARPA funds**

Ordinance No. 92-2021 (Passed 8/31/2021)  
Allocating \$5,000,000 geographically to be spent in certain neighborhoods and business districts.

Ordinance No. 140-2021 (Passed 11/15/2021)  
Authorizing the allocation, appropriation and expenditure of \$18,000,000 in ARPA funds for sewer infrastructure projects.

**2021 ARPA FUNDS RECEIVED**

**\$19,408,531.00**

2021 ARPA Expenditures

Salaries [Fire \$2,500 Bonus] (\$177,537.50)

**December 31, 2021 Fund Balance (Carried forward)**

**\$19,230,993.50**

**2022 ARPA FUNDS RECEIVED**

**\$19,408,531.00**

2022 ARPA Expenditures

Salaries [Fire \$2,500 Bonus] (\$238,294.51)

Management Consultant Contract [Guidewire] (\$141,618.56)

Capital Improvements [ ] (\$360,266.60)

**Total 2022 ARPA Expenditures (\$740,179.67)**

**December 31, 2022 Unencumbered ARPA Fund Balance \$18,907,639.98**

*(Includes \$18,000,000 encumbered for sewers)*

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CATEGORY/PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
<b>Water, Sewer, Infrastructure</b>		
	<p><b>Sewer:</b> Per Ordinance No. 140-2021 (11/15/2021) authorizing the allocation, appropriation and expenditure of \$18,000,000 in ARPA funds for sewer infrastructure projects.</p>	<b>\$18,000,000.00</b>
<b>Public Health &amp; Safety</b>		
	<p><b>Police Cars:</b> Per Resolution No. 22-2023 authorizing an agreement with John Megel Ford for the purchase of four 2022 used hybrid police utility vehicles.</p>	<b>\$200,000.00</b>
	<p><b>New Ambulance:</b> Per Resolution No. 100-2023(MSES): authorizing an agreement with Pfund Superior Sales Co., Inc. of Lower Burrell, PA for the purchase of a 2024 Freightliner Crew Cab Ambulance and Chassis for the Cleveland Heights Fire Department through the Ohio Department of Administrative Services Cooperative Purchasing Program.</p>	<b>\$362,505.00</b>
	<p><b>Cain Park Village Stramp:</b> Per Resolution 111-2023 (PD) authorizing the Mayor to commit \$1,500,000.00 of the City's ARPA funds for the Cain Park Village Stramp Project</p>	<b>\$1,500,000.00</b>
<b>Recreation</b>		
	<p><b>Community Center/ Ice Rink Repairs</b> Per: Ordinance 74-2023 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Tempest Inc. for the Recreation Center – North Ice Rink Reconstruction Project.</p>	<b>\$1,800,000</b>

**EXHIBIT B to ORDINANCE NO. 179 - 2023  
NEW ALLOCATED USE OF ARPA FUNDS**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>PROJECT / DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>Housing</b>		
	<b>Cleveland Heights Improvement Corporation: Start-up and Operating Funds.</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>
	<b>Lead Safe Programing (Allocation Only)</b>	<b>\$1,000,000.</b>
	<b>Down Payment Assistance (Allocation Only)</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>
	<b>Exterior Repair for Residential Properties (Allocation Only)</b>	<b>\$2,500,000</b>
<b>Non- Profit Housing Programs</b>		
	<b>Future Heights FutureHomes &amp; Revitalization Program: Home Rehabilitation</b>	<b>\$510,000.00 (Award up to this amount with terms to be determined)</b>
	<b>StartRight Good Neighbor Project: Home Rehabilitation</b>	<b>\$200,000.00 (Award up to this amount with terms to be determined)</b>
	<b>StartRight Caledonia Homes Infill Housing Project: Infill Housing</b>	<b>\$300,000.00 (Award up to this amount with terms to be determined)</b>
	<b>Benjamin Rose Institute: Margaret Wagner Senior Apartments</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>City Garages</b>		
	<b>Coventry Lennox</b>	<b>\$500,000.00 \$500,000.00</b>
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>PROJECT / DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>Parks and Recreation</b>		
	<b>Shipping Container: Pilot Program</b>	<b>\$500,000.00</b>
	<b>Park Improvements: Cain Park, Dennison Park, Forest Hills,</b>	<b>\$3,540,000.00</b>

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	<b>Park Vehicle Fleet Enhancements</b>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>
<b>Non-Profit Park</b>		
	<b>Heights Libraries Coventry Peace Park: Park Improvements</b>	<b>\$300,000.00</b>
<b>Business Assistance</b>		
	<b>Community Investment Fund</b>	<b>\$1,400,000</b>
	<b>(Allocated with programs to be determined)</b> Comprehensive Development Plan: Noble \$100,000.00 Comprehensive Development Plan: Taylor \$100,000.00 Commercial Grant Program: Noble \$500,000.00 Commercial Grant Program: Taylor \$500,000.00 Commercial Grant Program: Other Districts \$200,000.00	
<b>Non-Profit Business Assistance</b>		
	<b>Coventry Village SID: Misc. projects and business development</b>	<b>\$313,560.00 (Award up to this amount with to terms to be determined)</b>
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>PROJECT/DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>Safety and Health</b>		
	<b>Second Ambulance</b>	<b>\$379,713.00</b>
	<b>Safety lighting/police blue light boxes/ safety app (Allocation Only)</b>	<b>\$750,000.00</b>
<b>Non-profit Safety and Health</b>		

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	<b>Pride Among Daughters and Sisters; (Feminine Products and Education)</b>	<b>\$11,400 (Award up to this amount with terms to be determined.)</b>
	<b>Start Right: Hunger Center</b>	<b>\$60,000 (Award up to this amount with terms to be determined.)</b>
	<b>Cleveland Chesed Center: Operating Funds</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>Youth Programming</b>		
	<b>Lake Eire Ink: Youth Programming</b>	<b>\$104,900 (Award up to this amount with terms to be determined.)</b>
	<b>Kulture Kids: Youth Programming</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>
	<b>Building Heights: Youth Programming</b>	<b>\$244,259 (Award up to this amount with terms to be determined.)</b>
<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>PROJECT/DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>Youth Programming continued</b>	<b>Reaching Heights: Youth Programming</b>	<b>\$75,000 (Award up to this amount with terms to be determined.)</b>



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	<b>Family Connections: Social Emotional Project</b>	<b>\$77,000 (Award up to this amount with terms to be determined.)</b>
<b>Arts Programming</b>		
	<b>Artful: Art Programming and Support</b>	<b>\$71,000 (Award up to this amount with terms to be determined.)</b>
	<b>Heights Arts: Art Programming and Support</b>	<b>\$250,000 (Award up to this amount with terms to be determined.)</b>
<b>Total Allocations</b>		<b>\$15,001,832</b>