

**ORDINANCE NO. 2021-2 OF THE
LAPORTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO CREATE AN ARP
CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND TO RECEIPT FUNDING
AWARDED TO THE COUNTY THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT
(ARP) OF 2021**

WHEREAS, the federal government has recently enacted the American Plan Act of 2021 (hereinafter referred to as “ARP”) as a result of which LaPorte County, Indiana is anticipating receiving approximately \$21.3 million dollars in federal government assistance as a result of the financial impacts the County has sustained from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2021, the Indiana State Board of Accounts (hereinafter referred to as “SBOA”) issued State Examiner Directive 2021-1 and Memorandum to Indiana counties, cities, and towns regarding the accounting process for ARP funding; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the aforementioned SBOA guidance, each unit of government that receives an allocation from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund under Section 603 of the Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the ARP, shall establish, by ordinance, a separate grant fund to receipt ARP funding; and

WHEREAS, the need exists to now establish an ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund for the County to receipt ARP and to comply with the aforementioned directives recently issued by the SBOA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of LaPorte County that:

There is hereby created an American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, which shall be known as “ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.” All moneys received from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund must be receipted into this Fund. In accordance with Section 603 (c) of the Social Security Act, as added by Section 9901 of the ARP, the monies in this Fund may only be used for the following purposes:

“(1) USE OF FUNDS. – Subject to paragraph (2), and except as provided in paragraphs (3) and (4), a metropolitan city, nonmetropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county shall only use the funds provided under a payment made under this section to cover costs incurred by the metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county, by December 31, 2024;

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(A) to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID- 19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;

(B) to respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work;

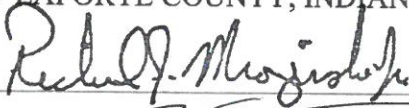
(C) for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in the revenue of such metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county prior to the emergency; or

(D) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.”

The County, by and through the Board of Commissioners working collaboratively with the County Council shall develop a plan that will provide the specific details for the use of these Funds, in compliance with the above stated limitations, which will be formally adopted by means of a joint resolution of the Laporte County Board of Commissioners and County Council. Before money in this Fund is disbursed pursuant to said plan, the money in the Fund must be appropriated by the County Council for the purposes stated in the plan.


All of which is ordained this 7th day of April, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LAPORTE COUNTY, INDIANA





Attest:


County Auditor

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1st / 2nd Reading

4-7-2021