



**CITY OF THORNE BAY
RESOLUTION 22-03-01-03**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF THORNE BAY, APPROPRIATING THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY (ARPA) FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED AND FORTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND SIXTY-SEVEN CENTS (\$261,348.67) AND ALLOCATING THE SAME TO BE SPLIT 50/50 BETWEEN THE FIRE & EMS DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS AND PROJECTS.

WHEREAS, the City Council is the governing body for the City of Thorne Bay; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed and President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, on March 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, a \$1.9 trillion dollar relief bill, established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to provide \$130 billion in emergency funding for eligible local governments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Thorne Bay is set to receive \$261,348.67 in two deposits, with 50% (\$130,674.33) already having been deposited and the remaining 50% balance to be deposited no more than 12 months later; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (Recovery Fund) is intended to provide support to State, local, and Tribal governments in responding to the impact of COVID-19 on communities, residents, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Recovery Fund also is intended to support government services to the extent of reduced revenues due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City Administration has identified the Fire and EMS Department Operations to be the most crucial need of the community.

NOW THEREFORE, THE THORNE BAY CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES that the ARPA Funds shall be allocated as provided herein:

Section 1. The City of Thorne Bay is hereby authorized to fund, from American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Local Fiscal Recovery Funds the departments and programs in the amounts stated below.

Section 2. These funds will be available for the following programs:

- a. **FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICES – Not to exceed \$130,674.33:**
 - i. Wages for a temporary Fire Chief are approved up to twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.00) dollars for a period not to exceed 6-months. Actual wage will be determined based on individual qualifications, on the 2022 Pay-grade GS-7,
 - ii. Remaining funds of one-hundred and five thousand, six-hundred and seventy-four dollars and thirty-three cents (\$105,674.33), or more, depending on the actual wages of the Fire Chief, shall be approved for Fire related eligible expenditures over a period of 2-years.

- b. **EMS DEPARTMENT SERVICES – Not to exceed \$130,674.34:**
 - i. Wages for a temporary EMS Coordinator position up to one-hundred thousand (\$100,000.00) dollars for a period not to exceed 2-years. Actual wage will be determined based on individual qualifications, on the 2022 Pay-grade GS-7,
 - ii. Remaining funds of thirty thousand, six-hundred and seventy-four dollars and thirty-four cents (\$30,674.34), or more, depending on the actual wages of the EMS Coordinator, shall be approved for EMS related eligible expenditures over a period of 2-years.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 1st day of March 2022, by a duly constituted quorum of the Thorne Bay City Council with a vote of 7 Yeas and 0 Nays


Lee Burger, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teri Feibel, CMC



Agenda Item Summary

Agenda Item No. _____

Meeting Date March 1, 2022

Item General Info:

Resolution Allocating ARPA Funds to Fire and EMS

2/24/2 Q2 Date of Request

Reviewed for Submittal
by Mayor

Initial: _____

TITLE: Resolution Allocating use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds to Fire & EMS
[brief description of request]

This Resolution seeks Council approval to split the ARPA funds 50/50 between the Fire and EMS Departments for eligible uses as determined by the US Department of Treasury rules and regulations pertaining to the use of these funds. City expenditures in both Departments will be for staffing, supplies, equipment, training, and leveraging as matching funds towards other sources of grant funding. These funds must be obligated prior to December 31, 2024.

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Related Codes: Procurement and Administration and Personnel

REQUESTED ACTION:
[what are you asking the Council to do?] Approve Resolution allocating ARPA Funds: Fire/EMS

Approve a Resolution allocating the City's previously unallocated ARPA funds to be split 50/50 between the Fire and EMS. The total funding amount is \$261,348.67 to be allocated at \$130,674.33 to each Department. The Resolution also authorizes hiring a EMS Coordinator and a Fire Chief on a Temporary basis. The EMS Coordinator for a period not to exceed 2 years and the Fire Chief for a period not to exceed 6 months.

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

[Provide any information that would assist the Council in its decision-making process. You may attach additional pages of information to this form.]

The Fire and EMS Departments have long been seeking funding opportunities to bolster both programs both in terms of staffing and supplies and equipment. These funds are designated for public health and life safety uses. The City is in dire need of committed staff that is both focused and has capacity to spend a significant amount of time further developing both of these Departments for the City. These are many opportunities right now for assistance and funding but time needs to be spent doing the research and writing applications to pursue these opportunities. Providing funds

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now to hire a Temporary position in each Department to "build-up" the Department capacity to recruit volunteers, improve programs and provide training and other needed equipment supplies and resources is critical. The time is now to invest in both of these City Departments to take them to the next level and put this much needed funding to its highest and best use for the community. You can think of this as seed money to grow these departments and create other opportunities to sustain them longer term.

For the EMS Coordinator Temporary position the Council is being asked to approve up to \$100,000 for wages for up to 2 years at a wage as determined based on individual qualifications on the 2022 Pay-grade GS-7, with the other \$30,674.33 or more, depending on the starting wage of the Coordinator, being available for EMS related eligible expenditures over the next couple years.

For the Fire Chief Temporary position the Council is being asked to approve up to \$25,000 for wages for up to 6 months, at a wage as determined based on individual qualifications, on the 2022 Pay-grade GS-7, with the other \$105,674.33 or more, depending on the starting wage of the Coordinator, being available for Fire related eligible expenditures over the next couple years. These funds could be used to purchase the brush fire trucks or outfitted trailer we have been discussing over the last few months.

