

INTRODUCED: 8/8/2022

REFERRED TO: Administration and Finance Committee

SPONSOR: Councillor Osili

DIGEST: approves an additional appropriation totalling \$27,000,000 in the 2022 City Non-Departmental Budget (ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Subfund of the Federal Stimulus-Coronavirus Pandemic Fund) for the purposes of providing property tax relief for homeowners

SOURCE:

Initiated by: Office of Finance and Management

Drafted by: Office of Finance and Management

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADOPTION:

Published Notice of Public Hearing

Subject to approval or veto by Mayor

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE:

Adoption and approvals

GENERAL COUNSEL APPROVAL:



Date: August 5, 2022

CITY-COUNTY FISCAL ORDINANCE NO. , 2022

A FISCAL ORDINANCE amending the City-County Annual Budget for 2022 (City-County Fiscal Ordinance No. 22, 2021) by additional appropriation of twenty-seven million dollars (\$27,000,000) for the purposes of the City Non-Departmental.

WHEREAS, the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and its associated economic disruptions have increasingly included inflation in many sectors of the economy and a high rate of growth in real estate values; and

WHEREAS, these impacts have caused low- and middle income households to struggle to afford basic necessities like groceries and gas; and

WHEREAS, Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP Act), amending Section 603 of the Social Security Act, created the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (FRF) and allocated block grants to certain large municipalities in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City and County have received \$209,838,594 in unappropriated funds in 2022, which represents the second and final allocation of FRF funds, following the initial allocation that was received and appropriated by the City-County Council in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Section 9901 of the ARP Act states that FRF dollars may be used for the following purposes:

- (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, non-entitlement 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 revenue of such metropolitan city, non-entitlement 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, non-entitlement unit of local government, or county prior to the emergency; or

(D) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City has developed a plan to give homestead residents a measure of relief during tough times by providing a one-time tax credit for the “2022 pay 2023” tax year; and

WHEREAS, all expenditures out of the ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery subfund described in this fiscal ordinance are eligible under the ARP Act and existing federal guidance from the Department of the Treasury; now therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY-COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS AND OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA:

SECTION 1. To provide for expenditures the necessity for which has arisen since its adoption, the City-County Annual Budget for 2022 is hereby amended by the character increases hereinafter stated for purposes of the City Non-Departmental.

SECTION 2. The City Non-Departmental requests an additional appropriation of twenty-seven million dollars (\$27,000,000) in character three of the ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Subfund of the Federal Stimulus-Coronavirus Pandemic Fund for the purposes of providing property tax relief for homeowners.

FUND	CHAR 1	CHAR 2	CHAR 3	CHAR 4	CHAR 5	TOTAL
ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Subfund			27,000,000			27,000,000

SECTION 3. The Office of Finance and Management shall coordinate with the Marion County Assessor, Marion County Treasurer, and Marion County Auditor to provide a one-time credit, for the “2022 pay 2023” tax year, to households owning residential properties that qualify as “homesteads” under IC 6-1.1-12-37. The credit shall be in the amount of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) for homesteads with a 2022 assessed value of up to two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00), and shall be in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for homesteads with a 2022 assessed value of greater than two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) but less than four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00). The Controller shall be authorized to adjust the amount of the credit as necessary to reconcile the budgeted amount for the credit program with the number of households qualifying based on final 2022 assessed values, but shall adhere as closely as possible to the credit dollar amounts stated above.

SECTION 4. Upon approval of this and other pending proposals, the following unappropriated fund balances are projected to remain at the end of 2022:

Fund	2021 Year-End Balance	Projected 2022 Year-End Balance
ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Subfund	\$0	\$0

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon adoption and compliance with IC 36-3-4-14.

The foregoing was passed by the City-County Council this _____ day of _____, 2022, at _____ p.m.

ATTEST:

Vop Osili
President, City-County Council

SaRita Hughes
Clerk, City-County Council

Presented by me to the Mayor this _____ day of _____, 2022.

SaRita Hughes
Clerk, City-County Council

Approved and signed by me this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Joseph H. Hogsett, Mayor