



34 \$750,000 in funds from the City's Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds,  
35 established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, for an airframe and powerplant  
36 maintenance facility proposed by Ozarks Technical Community College.  
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38 Section 2 – City Council finds the budget adjustment has been recommended by  
39 the City Manager.  
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41 Section 3 – The City Manager is directed to cause the appropriate accounting  
42 entries to be made in the books and records of the City.  
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44 Section 4 – City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager, or his designee, to  
45 develop and enter into a funding agreement with Ozark Technical Community College  
46 for an airframe and powerplant maintenance facility, provided that any agreements or  
47 documents executed pursuant to this authority are in a form approved by the City  
48 Attorney  
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50 Section 5 – This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after  
51 passage.  
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53 Passed at meeting: \_\_\_\_\_  
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57 Mayor  
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59 Attest: \_\_\_\_\_, City Clerk  
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61 Filed as Ordinance: \_\_\_\_\_  
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64 Approved as to form:  \_\_\_\_\_, Assistant City Attorney  
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67 Approved for Council action: \_\_\_\_\_, City Manager

## **EXPLANATION TO COUNCIL BILL 2022-177**

FILED 07-05-22

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: City Manager

**PURPOSE:** To amend the budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 to appropriate funds from the City's Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, established by the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") of 2021 for a certain project as recommended by the City Council ARPA Review Committee and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a funding agreement as necessary with the recipient. (The City Council ARPA Review Committee voted to recommend this appropriation to City Council)

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was passed by Congress on March 10, 2021, and signed into law on March 11, 2021. The Act provides \$1.9 trillion in aid for families, governments, businesses, schools, non-profits and others impacted by COVID-19. The Act includes, among other things \$656 billion for direct financial assistance to individuals, businesses and non-profits; \$56 billion in assistance to individuals and families; \$211 billion for education and childcare programs; \$86 billion for health programs; \$40 billion for transportation, including airports and rail; \$61 billion for a variety of other programs and \$350 billion for state and local governments in a Fiscal Recovery Fund. Of the \$350 billion in the Fiscal Recovery Fund administered by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the City of Springfield directly received an allocation of \$40,276,290.

The City received the Fiscal Recovery Funds from the U.S. Department of the Treasury in two allotments, \$20,138,145 on June 7, 2021, and the remaining \$20,138,145 on June 9, 2022. David Holtmann, Director of Finance for the City of Springfield reported to the ARPA Review Committee at their meeting on April 19, 2022, the total revenue reduction due to the pandemic for the City of Springfield, as calculated utilizing the guidelines from the U.S. Department of the Treasury, to be \$72,535,871 for FY2020 and FY2021 combined. This amount eclipses the City of Springfield's total ARPA funds received by more than \$32 million just for FY2020 and FY2021. This gives us the broad flexibility for expenditures, authorized in the Act, under the category of provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue.

City Council held a workshop on June 24, 2021, to review the ARPA Act and to plan for the process of administering the disbursement of the funds. On July 16, 2021, Mayor Ken McClure appointed the following City Council Members to serve on the special Council ARPA Review Committee:

- Mayor Pro Tem Matthew Simpson – Chair
- Councilman Andy Lear
- Councilman Abe McGull
- Councilwoman Heather Hardinger

The charge of the committee was to:

- Review, research and analyze all requests for ARPA funding
- Consider other possibilities for funding within the parameters of the Act
- Initiate public engagement, working with the Office of Public Information and Civic Engagement
- Work closely with other partners, specifically including Greene County Commission, to review possible areas of coordination and cooperation
- Report regularly to the Committee of the Whole both for informational and status purposes as well as to seek guidance
- Make specific recommendations to the Committee of the Whole

In addition to the June 24, 2021, City Council workshop regarding ARPA, the City Council ARPA Review Committee held the following public meetings:

- July 13, 2021
- July 27, 2021
- August 5, 2021
- September 14, 2021
- November 2, 2021
- April 19, 2022
- June 23, 2022

The City received a variety of funding requests for City ARPA dollars for projects. To date, the requests total more than \$210 million.

In October 2021 the City had a scientific random-sampling survey conducted to gauge citizen input regarding priorities for ARPA spending. Results from the survey were based on 1,438 completed questionnaires (1,237 mail and 201 online) of Springfield residents. Overall findings have a +/- 2.6% of error (95% confidence interval). The top three categories receiving a number one priority were public safety, homeless and housing services, and community health and wellness.

In addition to the survey, the City Council ARPA Review Committee were also presented with other public engagement insights including:

- Forward SGF – The City’s Comprehensive Planning Process
- Citizen Satisfaction Survey – 2019
- Community Development Needs Survey – used to collect data for the Consolidated Plan – (2019-2024)
- 1/8-Cent and 1/4-Cent Transportation and Capital Improvement Sales Tax programs.
- Grant Avenue Parkway Community Engagement
- Renew Jordan Creek
- Ozarks Alliance to End Homelessness System Survey
- Housing & Community Development Needs Survey

The State of Missouri also received more than \$2 billion from a direct allocation also from the Fiscal Recovery Fund administered by the U.S. Department of the Treasury. The City of Springfield requested funding from the State of Missouri for eight projects in what was entitled, “Transformative Growth Package” that could leverage the City’s allocation when coupled with Fiscal Recovery Funds from the State. The projects that were selected from that list, as well as some other Springfield-area organizations that also receiving funding from the State, are included in the City Council’s APRA Review Committee recommendation to fully leverage State matching funds.

During the July 27, 2021, ARPA Review Committee meeting, several principles were discussed for consideration of the use of the Fiscal Recovery Fund investment dollars, such as:

- Use Dedicated grants and programs first whenever possible
- Use Revenue Loss funding category last for priorities not eligible either with federal or state grants or other Local Fiscal Recovery Fund categories
- Assess government operations and community needs
- Projects/programs in partnership with Greene County or other partners
- Tapping into State Fiscal Recovery Funds
- Use this one-time funding for one-time expenses
- Analyze fit with City Council Priorities

**City Council ARPA Review Committee  
Project Recommendations:**

OTC request for Airframe & Powerplant Maintenance facility	\$ 750,000
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With approval of this ordinance, the City Manager is authorized to work with the entity for the approved project and to develop and approve funding agreements that will detail the parameters for project reimbursements, auditing reviews, completion timetables, as

well as other requirements as needed to ensure successful project completion.

REMARKS: The City Council ARPA Review Committee recommends approval.

Submitted by:

  
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Collin Quigley, Deputy City Manager

Approved by:

  
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Jason Gage, City Manager

