

# CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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**Bill Type and Number:** Ordinance 2022-619

**Introducer/Sponsor(s):** Council Member Gaffney

**Date of Introduction:** August 9, 2022

**Committee(s) of Reference:** NCSPHS, F, TEU

**Date of Analysis:** August 9, 2022

**Type of Action:** Appropriation and designation of oversight agencies

**Bill Summary:** This bill is an appropriation of \$3,000,000, a portion of the \$171,847,895.50 in additional Coronavirus relief, fiscal recovery, and critical capital projects funds received by the City from the federal government pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The funds will be allocated as follows: (1) \$1,000,000 in a contingency for additional funding for the Safety and Crime Reduction Commission for awards to the Rise Up Mini-grant Program; (2) \$1,000,000 for rental/mortgage assistance; (3) \$1,000,000 for utilities assistance. Oversight will be provided by the Finance and Administration Department (general oversight of ARP Act funds) and the Social Services Division of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department (ARP funds for Emergency Assistance Program for rent, mortgage and utilities).

**Background Information:** The purpose of this legislation is to provide funds for local fiscal recovery, due to the far-reaching impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy and daily life. The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 provided funds to local and state governments to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and its negative economic impacts, including, but not limited to, assistance to households, small businesses, and non-profits. Ordinances 2021-463-E and 2021-516-E appropriated an initial allocation of \$171,847,895 in ARP funds, and if approved this \$3,000,000 from those ARP funds will be used to support continued COVID-19 response efforts and to assist with continued economic recovery.

**Policy Impact Area:** American Rescue Plan funds

**Fiscal Impact:** Appropriation of \$3,000,000 from ARP funds

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