

RESOLUTION No. 22-174

Date of Adoption MAY 05 2022

Approved as to Form and Legality

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Wesley Bridges, Acting Director of Law


Adam E. Cruz, Business Administrator

Councilman /woman

Caldwell-Wilson

presents the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF \$25,000.00 FROM THE FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE CITY OF TRENTON UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN OF 2021 TO PASSAGE THEATRE

WHEREAS, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA-21) into law on March 11, 2021, and thereby sought to provide immediate and emergent aid to metropolitan cities adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Treasury (DOT) has stated that, "From big cities to small towns, Americans – particularly people of color, immigrants, and low-wage workers – are facing a deep economic crisis";

WHEREAS, ARPA-21 provides \$72,913,998.00 in aid to the City of Trenton over the next two years, with \$36,456,999 having been distributed for the 2021 calendar year and \$36,456,999.00 to be distributed for the 2022 calendar year;

WHEREAS, as a recipient of ARPA-21 funds, the City of Trenton is responsible to ensure that awards are not used for ineligible purposes and there is no fraud, waste or abuse associated with the ARPA-21 funds;

WHEREAS, the DOT guidance further provides that recipients may use funds for eligible services that "promot[e] healthy childhood environments";

WHEREAS, the DOT Final Rule includes as an eligible use "Programs to address the impacts of lost instructional time for students in kindergarten through twelfth grade," as well as "Assistance to nonprofit organizations including programs, services, or capital expenditures, including loans or grants to mitigate financial hardship such as declines in revenues or increased costs, or technical assistance";

WHEREAS, the DOT has emphasized the money is designed to provide "immediate and direct relief" and "substantial flexibility for each government to meet local needs";

WHEREAS, Passage Theatre (Theatre), located at 205 East Front Street, Trenton, New Jersey, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, which has served the Trenton community for over thirty (30) years by bringing new, theatrical works through the production of high-quality, professional productions, including educational programming that invites youth and adults of all ages and backgrounds to explore, fully realize, and share their greatest creative potential and the potential of the community through the power of expression – onstage, in the classroom, and in their neighborhoods; and

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WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting preventative measures, including quarantining, resulted in the Theatre closing its doors for the better part of two (2) years and losing revenue both in the form of ticket sales and donations; and

WHEREAS, due to the revenue loss, the Theatre is in need of financial assistance to cover its general operating costs, including staff salaries and production costs for those shows and events that were delayed by COVID-19.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Trenton that ARPA funds totaling **\$25,000.00** shall be appropriated to the Passage Theatre to be used for the payment of general operating expenses.

| | Aye | Nay | Abstain | Absent | | Aye | Nay | Abstain | Absent | | Aye | Nay | Abstain | Absent |
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| CALDWELL | ✓ | | | | RODRIGUEZ | ✓ | | | | MCBRIDE | ✓ | | | |
| WILSON | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HARRISON | ✓ | | | | VAUGHN | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| MUSCHAL | ✓ | | | | WILKINS | ✓ | | | | | | | | |

This Resolution was adopted at a Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trenton on

MAY 05 2022

Kathryn McBride
President of Council

Penelope S. Edwards-Carter
City Clerk
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CITY OF TRENTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS

I, Ronald J. Zilinski, Acting Chief Financial Officer of the City of Trenton, do hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that there are now sufficient funds to:

Purpose: GRANT TO PASSAGE THEATRE FOR OPERATING
EXPENSES

Fund: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN GRANT

Account Numbers: R-01- -

Amount not to exceed: \$ 25,000

Ronald J. Zilinski
Chief Financial Officer
City of Trenton

Date