

**AMENDMENT TO AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT GRANT PROJECT
ORDINANCE No. 18/2020-21**

WHEREAS, the Town Council adopted Project Ordinance No. 18/2020-21 on May 4, 2021 to establish a Special Revenue Fund for funds under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA); and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro is expected to receive \$6.2 million from the ARPA; and,

WHEREAS, these funds may be used for a) revenue replacement for the provision of government services to the extent the reduction in revenue is due the COVID-19 public health emergency; b) premium pay to essential employees; c) assistance to small businesses, nonprofits, household and hard-hit industries, and economic recovery; and d) investments in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a negative impact on Carrboro residents, businesses, nonprofits, households and the local economy; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council deems it appropriate and in the best interest of the Town to make available revenues from the ARPA to aid in the Town's pandemic rescue and recovery efforts.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO THAT:

1. The following appropriations are made for the following purposes:

ARPA Revenue	<u>\$ 6,200,000.00</u>
Expenses	
Grants to Small Businesses	\$ 300,000.00
Essential Employee Pay	\$ 224,795.00
Town Revenue Replacement	<u>\$ 1,834,730.00</u>
	<u>\$ 2,359,525.00</u>
Unallocated Funds	<u>\$ 3,840,475.00</u>

2. Grants to small businesses shall be made to viable businesses still in operation and have been in operation before July 1, 2020 and to business where the business license address must be in Carrboro Town limits and shall not exceed \$20,000.
3. All applications requesting funding shall describe the negative economic impact of the pandemic on their operations and how the grant assistance will aid in the business's recovery and may be used for expenses related to marketing and advertising; training new under- or un-skilled employees; back rent and utilities;

COVID loan repayment; and capital expenditures to adapt business to a post-COVID environment.

4. All funds shall be used in compliance with provisions of the ARPA and other directives issued by the US Treasury Department or other federal rules and regulations.
5. The Town Manager is authorized to enter into a grant agreement with small businesses to govern the use of grant funds.
6. Within five (5) days after adoption of this ordinance, the Town Clerk shall file a copy of this grant funding project ordinance with the Finance Director.
7. This Ordinance is effective upon adoption by the Carrboro Town Council.

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