

RESOLUTION R-2022-12
LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

*A Resolution of the Luzerne County Authorizing the Use of American Rescue Plan Act
Funds on Various Information Technology Projects*

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (H.R. 1319) into law; and

WHEREAS, the \$1.9 trillion package, based on President Biden's American Rescue Plan, is intended to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, including the public health and economic impacts; and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (American Rescue Plan) established a \$10 billion Capital Projects Fund to provide funding to states, territories, and Tribal governments to carry out critical capital projects directly enabling work, education, and health monitoring, including remote options, in response to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, the focus of the Capital Projects Fund is on the continuing need for connectivity in response to the COVID-19 pandemic complements the broader range of uses, including for broadband infrastructure, of the American Rescue Plan's separate \$350 billion Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds; and

WHEREAS, the Luzerne County Information Technology Department is requesting County Council to authorize the Luzerne County Manager to execute agreements up to the aggregate amount of \$2,463,000 with various vendors for the acquisition of hardware, software and services in support of the pandemic response and cybersecurity as well as to replace existing end-of-life infrastructure equipment with state-of-the-art equipment incorporating advanced cybersecurity features; and

WHEREAS, the Luzerne County Home Rule Charter at section 2.09.B.8., in part, requires Luzerne County Council to approve, by resolution adopted by affirmative vote of at least a majority of its current members, any contract or obligation that would result in a payment by the County of more than \$25,000 in any future calendar year for which no budget has been adopted; and

WHEREAS, Luzerne County Council desires to approve the use of up to \$2,463,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds for the Information Technology Department related projects as set forth in the accompanying agenda submittal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Luzerne County Council approves the use of \$2,463,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds for the Information Technology Department related projects as set forth in the accompanying agenda submittal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Luzerne County Manager is authorized to execute the contracts related to the aforesaid projects.

This Resolution shall become effective 6 days after adoption.

ADOPTED at a meeting of Luzerne County Council held on January 25, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE (8-2)

YES: Lescavage, Lombardo, McDermott, McGinley, Perry, Radle, Schnee and Thornton

NO: SJ Urban and Wolovich

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

By: Kendra Radle
Kendra Radle, Chair

LUZERNE COUNTY MANAGER

By: Romilda P. Crocamo
Romilda P. Crocamo, Esq.
Acting County Manager

Attest: Sharon Lawrence
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council