

**RESOLUTION R-2022-22
LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL**

*A Resolution of Luzerne County Council Authorizing the Use of American Rescue
Plan Act Funds by the Northeast Pennsylvania Land Bank Authority*

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 the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund ("SLFRF") to provide governments with the resources needed to respond to the pandemic and its economic effects and to build a stronger, more equitable economy during the recovery; and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 includes several provisions, to be administered by Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") and other agencies, to provide immediate and direct relief to help people across America remain stably housed during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Northeast Pennsylvania Land Bank Authority is requesting \$500,000.00 for allowed purposes under H.R. 1319 such as the acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing; 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 disbursement of funds to the Northeast Pennsylvania Landbank Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Luzerne County Council approves the disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act funds to the Northeast Pennsylvania Land Bank Authority in the amount of \$500,000.00 for the acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Luzerne County Executive Branch is authorized to take all steps necessary to disburse the aforesaid grant funds to the Northeast Pennsylvania Land Bank Authority.

This Resolution shall become effective 6 days after adoption.

ADOPTED at a meeting of Luzerne County Council held on February 22, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE (9-0)

YES: Lescavage, Lombardo, McDermott, Perry, Radle, Schnee, Thornton, SJ Urban and Wolovich

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

By: Kendra Radle
Kendra Radle, Chair

LUZERNE COUNTY MANAGER

By: Romilda P. Crocama
Romilda P. Crocama, Esq.
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Attest: Sharon Lawrence
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council