

**RESOLUTION R-2022-21
LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL**

***A Resolution of Luzerne County Council Authorizing the Use of American Rescue
Plan Act Funds for Flood Protection Authority 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 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, SLFRF funds may be used to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority is proposing the use of \$8,000,000.00 in SLFRF funds for water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure projects as set forth in the accompanying agenda submittal incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein; 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 Luzerne County Protection Authority's proposed use American Rescue Plan Act SLFRF funds for water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Luzerne County Council approves the use of American Rescue Plan Act SLFRF funds for water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure projects by the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority in the amount of \$8,000,000.00.

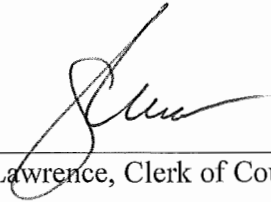
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Luzerne County Executive Branch is authorized to take all steps necessary to disburse the grant funds to the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority as set forth above.

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)

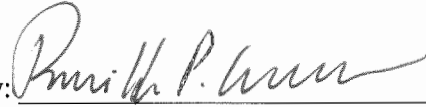
YES: Lescavage, Lombardo, McDermott, Perry, Radle, Schnee, Thornton, SJ Urban and Wolovich

Attest: 
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

By: 
Kendra Radle, Chair

LUZERNE COUNTY MANAGER

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