

**RESOLUTION R-2022-98
LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL**

*A Resolution of the Luzerne County Authorizing the Use of American Rescue
Plan Act Funds for Inspection of the Water Street Bridge*

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 road and bridge infrastructure maintenance; and

WHEREAS, County administration is proposing the use of \$300,000.00 in SLFRF funds to cover the costs of inspection of the Water Street bridge in Pittston; 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 County's the use American Rescue Plan Act SLFRF funds to cover the costs of inspection of the Water Street bridge in Pittston.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Luzerne County Council approves the use of American Rescue Plan Act SLFRF funds to cover the costs of inspection of the Water Street bridge in Pittston not to exceed \$300,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Luzerne County Manager is authorized to execute the documents related to the expenditure of grant funds, including but not limited to, a contract with Larson Design Group.

This Resolution shall become effective 6 days after adoption.

ADOPTED at a meeting of Luzerne County Council held on May 24, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE (9-0) with (1) Abstention

YES: Bienias, Lescavage, Lombardo, McDermott, McGinley, Perry, Radle, Thornton, and Wolovich

ABSTAINED: SJ Urban

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

By: 
Kendra Radle, Chair

Attest: 
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

LUZERNE COUNTY MANAGER

By: 
Brian Swetz, Acting County Manager