

**RESOLUTION R-2022-118  
LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL**

*A Resolution of the Luzerne County Authorizing the Use of American Rescue Plan Act Funds to Make Repairs at the Luzerne County Correctional Facility*

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 government services and repairs to government facilities; and

WHEREAS, as part of Resolution 2022- 13 approved by County Council, \$350,000 in SLFRF funds were allocated to replace elevators at Luzerne County Correctional Facility; and

WHEREAS, after an RFP process, the cost to replace the elevators is much higher than anticipated; therefore, County administration is requesting an additional \$235,000.00 in SLFRF to replace the elevators; 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 use of additional American Rescue Plan Act SLFRF funds to make replace the elevators at the Luzerne County Correctional Facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Luzerne County Council approves the use of additional American Rescue Plan Act SLFRF funds in the amount of \$235,000.00 to replace the elevators at the Luzerne County Correctional Facility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Luzerne County Manager is authorized to execute the documents related to the expenditure of grant funds.

This Resolution shall become effective 6 days after adoption.

ADOPTED at a meeting of Luzerne County Council held on July 12, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE (11-0)


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

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

By:   
Kendra Radle, Chair

LUZERNE COUNTY MANAGER

By:   
Randy Robertson, County Manager

Attest:   
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council