

**RESOLUTION R-2023-78
LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL**

A Resolution of Luzerne County Council Authorizing the Use of American Rescue Plan Act Funds to Enter into a Subsequent Contract with Booth Management Consulting, LLC for ARPA Grant Management Services

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 ("ARPA") 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, Luzerne County received approximately \$113 million in ARPA funds; and

WHEREAS, ARPA funds may also be used for projects and services related to lost revenue; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 Luzerne County contracted with Booth Management Consulting, LLC ("Booth") to provide consulting services to Luzerne County related to the award of ARPA funds and grant management services; and

WHEREAS, Luzerne County administration and Luzerne County Council believe it is in the best interest of the County to enter into a subsequent contract with Booth for the continued grant management consulting services to provide guidance and assistance with the administration of the ARPA funds which are subject to audit by the U. S. Treasury Department; 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 a contract extension with Booth Management Consulting, LLC for continued consulting services and assistance with the administration of ARPA funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Luzerne County Council approves the use of American Rescue Plan Act funds to enter into a 3 year contract with Booth Management Consulting, LLC for consulting services and administration of ARPA funds not to exceed the amount of \$783,391.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Luzerne County Executive Branch is authorized to take all steps necessary to enter into the contract as set forth above.

This Resolution shall become effective 6 days after adoption.

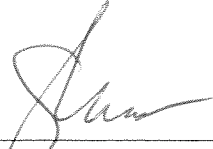
ADOPTED at a meeting of Luzerne County Council held on June 13, 2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE (11-0)

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

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

By: 
Kendra Vough, Chair

Attest: 
Sharon Lawrence
Clerk of Council

LUZERNE COUNTY MANAGER

By: 
Romilda Crocamo, Esq., County Manager