

**RESOLUTION R-2023-108**  
**LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL**

*A Resolution by the Luzerne County Council Setting Aside  
American Rescue Plan Act Grant Monies for a Heating and Utility Assistance Program*

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 Act") 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 has received approximately \$113 million in ARPA funds; and

WHEREAS, County Council has final approval authority for the award of ARPA funds to applicants; and

WHEREAS, Luzerne County Council desires to set aside \$2.5 million of the ARPA award to fund a Luzerne County ARPA Heating and Utility Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, Luzerne County Council desires to have the Luzerne County Commission on Economic Opportunity administer this program subject to the terms and agreements set forth by County Council on Exhibit A to this Resolution which is incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

BE IT RESOLVED, Luzerne County Council hereby establishes the Luzerne County ARPA Heating and Utility Assistance Program subject to the criteria and guidelines to be adopted for the program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Luzerne County Executive Branch is authorized to take all steps necessary to work with the Luzerne County Commission on Economic Opportunity to facilitate this program.

This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED at a meeting of the Luzerne County Council held on August 08, 2023.

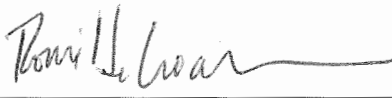
ROLL CALL VOTE (10-0)

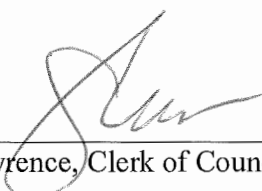
YES: Bienias, Lescavage, McDermott, McGinley, Mitchell, Perry, Thornton, SJ Urban, Vough and Wolovich

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

By:   
Kendra Vough, Chair

LUZERNE COUNTY MANAGER

By:   
Romilda Crocamo, Esq., County Manager

Attest:   
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council