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Resolution relating to the allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to be used for the Office of Veterans' Affairs.

This resolution allocates \$200,000 of ARPA funding to be used for staffing and start-up costs for the Office of Veterans' Affairs.

Whereas, The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant is scheduled to operate from March 3, 2021 to December 31, 2024 and is anticipated to provide approximately \$394,226,649 to the City of Milwaukee through the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (LFRF); and

Whereas, The City has received the initial LFRF grant award of \$197,113,324.50, of which the full amount is provided by the grantor, with \$0 provided by the City; and

Whereas, The LFRF provides substantial flexibility for the City of Milwaukee to provide a foundation for a strong and equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas, Common Council Resolution File Number 190449, adopted on November 26, 2019, created an Office of Veterans' Affairs and a Veterans' Affairs Advisory Council under the supervision of the Office of the Common Council - City Clerk; and

Whereas, The duties of the Office of Veterans' Affairs include promoting opportunities for veterans with regards to home ownership, business ownership, job creation, job training, health care and education; and

Whereas, Funding for the Office of Veterans' Affairs will improve the City's response to a public health emergency; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that \$200,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds shall be allocated to the City Clerk's Office to provide staffing, office space and start-up funding for the Office of Veterans' Affairs; and be it

Further Resolved, That \$200,000 of the LFRF grant funds are appropriated to the Office of the Common Council - City Clerk, which is authorized to:

1. Expend from the amount appropriated sums for the Office of Veterans' Affairs and incur costs consistent with the award date.
2. Expend from the grant budget funds for specific items of equipment.
3. Expend from the grant budget funds for training and out-of-town travel by departmental staff.

4. Enter into leases and subcontracts as needed to fulfill the purposes of the grant; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the 2021 Positions Ordinance, Common Council File Number 200537, should be amended as follows:

Under

COMMON COUNCIL - CITY CLERK
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