RESOLUTION NO. 2022-104

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL ALLOCATING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING FOR THE CONTINUATION AND EXPANSION OF THE TEMPORARY COVID PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND THE TEMPORARY COVID BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, as a non-entitlement unit of local government, the City of Albany has been allocated \$4,711,702 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds paid in two equal installments on July 13, 2021 and July 21, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved the use of ARPA funding to create and market a Temporary COVID Public Assistance Program and a Temporary COVID Small Business Grant Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, a portion of ARPA funding was also allocated by Council to support the City's Information Technology cyber security infrastructure, the Solano Avenue Association for the Solano Stroll and Stroll-ish events in 2022, and the FY2022 ending contract with Berkeley Food and Housing Project for the continued provision of services for Albany Project HOPE; and

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2022, an update on ARPA funded programs was provided

to Council; and

WHEREAS, ARPA funds may be used to cover eligible expenses authorized between March 3, 2021 and December 31, 2024, with funds approved by December 31, 2024 must be expended before December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the temporary nature of the funding makes planning a priority and it takes significant time and effort to implement vigorous assistance programs, which once established, need to be managed with specific attention to timing of phasing out programs gradually with minimal impact to residents who depend on them; and

WHEREAS, an allocation of ARPA funding is needed for the continuation and expansion of the Temporary COVID Public Assistance Program and the Temporary COVID Business Assistance Program as well as the COVID Community Engagement Specialist that will last through December 31, 2026, as funding remains available; and

WHEREAS, staff will continue to implement ARPA funded programs, and provide a final update to the Council that includes metrics such as number of residents served, the type of assistance provided, and other items deemed relevant to determine programs success.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council hereby allocates ARPA funding for the continuation and expansion of the Temporary COVID Public Assistance Program in the amount of \$1,475,000, the Temporary COVID Business Assistance Program in the amount of \$657,143, and that the funding for these two program areas be utilized as needed based on demand; and \$350,000 to fund the COVID Community Engagement Specialist position through December 31, 2026.

PRESTON JORDAN, MAYOR



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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,

The 3rd day of October, 2022, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Gary, McQuaid, Nason, Tiedemann and Mayor Jordan

NOES: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this 4th day of October, 2022.

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