

RESOLUTION

22-295

No. _____

JUL 07 2022

Date of Adoption _____

Approved as to Form and Legality

Factual content certified by

Wesley Bridges, City Attorney

Kenneth Douglas, Director of Fire and Emergency Services

Councilman /woman Joseph A. Hamson

presents the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF \$ 446,771.00
FROM THE FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE CITY OF TRENTON UNDER
THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 FOR
REPLACEMENT OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT
FOR THE CITY OF TRENTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA-21) into law on March 11, 2021 and thereby sought to provide immediate and emergent aid to metropolitan cities adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Treasury (DOT) has stated that, “From big cities to small towns, Americans – particularly people of color, immigrants, and low-wage workers – are facing a deep economic crisis”; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) established by ARPA-21 provide \$72,913,998.00 in aid to the City of Trenton over the next two years, with \$36,456,999 having been distributed for the 2021 calendar year and \$36,456,999.00 to be distributed for the 2022 calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the Final Rule for the CSLFRF promulgated by the DOT (Final Rule) authorizes “the use of payments from the Fiscal Recovery Funds to respond to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19 or its negative economic impacts”; and

WHEREAS, the DOT Final Rule includes as an eligible use of ARPA-21 funds “purchases of personal protective equipment;” and reinforces such eligibility as Expenditure Category 1.5 in in the DOT *Compliance and Reporting Guidance*; and

WHEREAS, the DOT has emphasized the money is designed to provide “**immediate** and direct relief” and “substantial flexibility for each government to meet local needs”; and

WHEREAS, the inventory of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBAs) (tanks, harnesses and facemasks) used by the Trenton Fire Department (TFD) are either (i) beyond the life cycle standards recommended by the National Fire Protection Association; or (ii) below the quantities necessary to equip TFD personnel; and

WHEREAS, up-to-date and sufficient quantity of personal protection equipment is needed by the Trenton’s Fire Department personnel to expediently, safely and ably respond to

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public emergency situations and to ensure the health and safety of Trenton's residents and property; and

WHEREAS, the use of ARPA-21 funds for personal protection equipment for public safety personnel is a permitted expenditure;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Trenton that ARPA-21 funds in the amount of \$446,771.00 shall be appropriated for the purchase of personal protection equipment for TFD personnel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The Trenton Fire Department shall be authorized to take all required actions to appropriate funds in an amount not to exceed \$ 446,771.00 from ARPA-21 funds received by the City of Trenton through the City Budget in account R-01- -45-4500-433.

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent		Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent		Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
CALDWELL	✓				RODRIGUEZ					MCBRIDE	✓			
WILSON														
HARRISON	✓				VAUGHN		✓							
MUSCHAL	✓				WILKINS		✓							

This Resolution was adopted at a Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trenton on JUL 07 2022

Kathy McBride
President of Council

[Signature]
City Clerk

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CITY OF TRENTON **DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS

I, Ronald Zilinski, Chief Financial Officer of the City of Trenton, do hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that there are now sufficient funds to:

Purpose: REPLACEMENT OF PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT
FOR THE CITY OF TRENTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fund: GRANT

Account Numbers: R-01- -45-4500-433

Amount not to exceed: \$ 446,771.00



Ronald Zilinski
Chief Financial Officer
City of Trenton



Date