

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Please email requests to the Mayor's Legislative Team
at MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org by 9 a.m. Friday. Contact the Mayor's Legislative team with questions

Date of Request: June 5, 2026

1. Please mark one: Bill Request or Resolution Request
2. Does this request directly impact property within .5 miles of the South Platte River (Check map [HERE](#)) Yes No
3. Does this item fall under XO 66 (Prop 123) requiring it to skip Mayor-Council Yes No
4. Do you need to request a Waiver Request for this item Yes No

5. Type of Request:

- Contract/Grant Agreement Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Rezoning/Text Amendment
- Dedication/Vacation Appropriation/Supplemental DRMC Change Other: ARPA Ordinance Amendment and Cash Transfer

6. **Title:** Amends Ordinance No. 591, Series of 2021, as amended by Ordinance No. 706, Series of 2021, as amended by Ordinance No. 1145, Series of 2021, as amended by Ordinance No. 1192, Series of 2021, as amended by Ordinance No. 374, Series of 2022, as amended by Ordinance No. 969, Series of 2022, as amended by Ordinance No. 1450, Series of 2022, as amended by Ordinance No. 0548, Series of 2023, as amended by Ordinance No. 1326, Series of 2023, as amended by Ordinance No. 1683, Series of 2023, as amended by Ordinance No. 0802, Series of 2024, as amended by Ordinance No. 1561, Series of 2024, as amended by Ordinance No. 1712, Series of 2025, to transfer cash from the ARPA Operating Grant Fund (11011) to the ARPA Capital Grant Fund (38395) for HOST Micro Communities Projects and to allocate interest earnings in the Administration Category to support ARPA-related personnel and federal grant software and related subscriptions through 2027.

7. **Requesting Agency:** Department of Finance

8. **Contact Person:**

Contact person with knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution (e.g., subject matter expert)	Contact person for council members or mayor-council
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9. **General description or background. Attach executive summary if more space needed:** (who, what, why)

This action would facilitate the spend-down of all available ARPA funding prior to the December 31, 2026, expenditure deadline and primarily support needed shelter-related capital improvements in line with the intent and requirements of the ARPA grant.

This bill request authorizes the transfer of up to \$1,600,000 in cash from the ARPA Operating Grant Fund (11011) to the ARPA Capital Project Fund (38395) so these funds can be used before the December 31, 2026, deadline. After December 31, 2026, any unspent funds would be returned to the federal government. Within the \$1.6 million, approximately \$263,000 would be reallocated from the Administration category to the capital portion of the Recovery category. The remaining up to \$1.337 million would stay within the Recovery category but would shift from operating to capital. These funds are unspent due to previous ARPA projects coming in under budget as well as staffing vacancies that have led to underspend on the Operating side. By transferring these funds to the Capital side, the city can ensure a full spend-down by December 2026 in support of existing ARPA-funded capital projects. Additionally, this request appropriates \$500,000 in interest earnings to extend ARPA-funded personnel and federal grant and data analysis/economic forecasting subscriptions and software through the end of 2027 to support the close-out and final audits of the ARPA grant.

If approved, the total allocations in the ARPA Grant will be as follows:

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- \$79,240,230 in the “Revenue Loss” category***
- \$2,003,341 to \$2,266,641**** in the “Administration” category*
- \$234,452,980 to \$234,715,980**** in the “Recovery” category**
- \$8,230,500 in the “Premium Pay” category
- \$0 in the “Unallocated” category

Total Allocations: \$324,190,051 (reflects \$308,048,870 from the original award plus \$16,141,181 in interest earnings).

*Includes \$1,657,300 from interest earnings authorized through prior ordinances.

**Includes \$12,950,021 from interest earnings authorized through prior ordinances.

*** Includes \$1,532,960 from interest earnings authorized through this ordinance.

****This range reflects that up to \$263K could be reallocated from the Administration category and moved to Recovery.

Historical Context:

Ordinance No. 591, Series of 2021, established the American Rescue Plan Act Grant Fund, Fund No. 11011, and accepted the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund award agreement with the US Department of Treasury. While the ordinance accepted the full \$308,048,870 identified in the award agreement, it included provisions requiring that City Council approve spending in the fund through amendments to said Ordinance.

Subsequent ordinances amended the original, aforementioned ordinance by authorizing allocations in the “Revenue Loss,” “Recovery,” “Premium Pay,” and “Administration” categories, which collectively made up the first half of the ARPA award. Ordinance 373 and Ordinance 374, Series of 2022, delineated capital improvement expenditures from operating ones through the creation of fund 38395. Ordinance No. 969, Series of 2022, allocated an additional \$1M generated by interest in the “Recovery” category for a food insecurity program. Ordinance No. 1450, Series of 2022, primarily allocated the second cash disbursement of \$154 million from the Treasury. These allocations were for programs that were determined through a deliberative process that included input from the community and the Stimulus Investment Advisory Committee (SIAC). Ordinance 1450 also authorized capital equipment, allocated cash in the Administration category for program evaluation, and reallocated from premium pay based on expenditures. Additionally, Ordinance No. 548, Series of 2023, made additional allocations for programs in those ARPA categories, made corrections, transferred cash to align spending with the appropriate fund, and authorized capital equipment purchases. Ordinance No. 1326, Series of 2023, made an additional allocation of \$4.7 million in the Recovery category based on previously unallocated interest earnings through June of 2023 to support the City’s 2023 goal to shelter 1,000 individuals to support programs, including micro-communities, hotel leasing and operations, and services. Ordinance No. 1683, Series of 2023, made allocations in the Recovery category to support the Denver Basic Income Project and House 1000 programs. These allocations were made available from the \$1,305,864 that was previously unallocated as well as \$1,175,921 in interest earnings that accrued through August of 2023. These allocations, combined with the redirection of funds within the ARPA Recovery category, support \$2 million in funding for the Denver Basic Income Project and \$23.4M for the House 1000 initiative. Ordinance 0802, Series of 2024 reallocated \$1,500,000 from the Administration to the Recovery category to shift one-time ARPA dollars in the All in Mile High Initiative and the recurring costs the City will spend with local dollars to continue AIMH beyond the life of ARPA to the Department of Housing Stability’s Special Revenue Fund (the Homelessness Resolution SRF), and repurpose the ARPA dollars initially planned for the evaluation to fund immediate All in Mile High program needs. Ordinance 0802, Series of 2024 allocated \$2,000,000 in the “Recovery” category from interest earnings accrued through February 2024, to support the All In Mile High Initiative. Ordinance 1561, Series of 2024 reallocated \$690,959 from the “Administration” category to the “Recovery” category to support the Temporary Rental and Utility Assistance (TRUA) program, administered by the Department of Housing Stability and \$191,222 to support a contract with Denver Health, administered by Denver Department of Public Health (DDPHE); allocated \$607,960, in the “Revenue Loss” category from interest earnings to support two new limited positions under the Denver Department of Public Health (DDPHE) and FEMA Public Assistance Arbitration related to the City’s COVID claim. Additionally, Ordinance No. 1712, Series of 2025 allocated \$4 million of interest earnings to the Revenue Loss and Recovery categories to support programs including temporary rental and utility assistance (TRUA), elections, immigrant legal services, wage theft enforcement, and the Denver Food Systems Summit.

10. City Attorney assigned to this request (if applicable): N/A

11. City Council District: N/A

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