

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-R-87

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE RE-ALLOCATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN REVENUES IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$400,000.00) TOWARD THE CREATION OF THE NOMI RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (“NRAP”) TO FURTHER RESPOND TO THE CONTINUING EFFECTS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON THE CURRENT HOUSING CRISIS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”) is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill passed by the 117th United States Congress and signed into law by President Joe Biden on March 11, 2021, to speed up the United States' recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing recession; and

WHEREAS, the ARPA included \$65 billion in recovery funds for cities across the country to provide support to state, local, and tribal governments in responding to the impact of COVID-19 and in their efforts to contain COVID-19 in their communities, residents, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Treasury has adopted guidance regarding the use of ARPA funds; and

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2021, the City of North Miami (“City”) adopted Resolution No. 2021-R-81 accepting ARPA funds and approving the allocation of funds toward city grant programs and revenue losses consistent with the Department of Treasury’s ARPA guidance; and

WHEREAS, since that time, the City has already allocated Two Hundred Fifty Thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) toward rental assistance in response to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, North Miami residents are still navigating the long lasting effects of the pandemic which has created a housing crisis of unprecedented magnitude; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2021-R-81 provides authority for the City Manager to allocate ARPA funds toward the implementation of qualified programs in an amount not exceeding Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00); and

WHEREAS, it recommended that Mayor and City Council approve the allocation of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) toward the creation of the NOMI Rental Assistance Program (“NRAP”) to continue to assist residents that are facing housing challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council find that the re-allocation of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) of ARPA funds toward the creation of the NRAP to address properly the needs of the community is in the best interest of the City and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Approval of Re-Allocation of ARPA Funds. The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby approve the re-allocation of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) in ARPA funding toward the creation of the NOMI Rental Assistance Program (“NRAP”) to further respond to the continuing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the current housing crisis.

Section 2. Approval of Program Guidelines. The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby authorize the City Manager to establish the Program Guidelines for the NOMI Rental Assistance Program (“NRAP”).

Section 3. Authority of City Manager. The City Manager is authorized to adopt and implement any and all necessary changes to the program guidelines to ensure the timely distribution of grant funds.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 5-0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 28th day of June, 2022.


PHILIPPE BIEN-AIME
MAYOR

ATTEST:



VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILWOMAN TIMOTHE

CO-SPONSORED BY: COUNCILWOMAN ESTIME-IRVIN

Moved by: Timothe

Seconded by: Estimé-Irvin

Vote:

Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime	<u> X </u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Vice Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.	<u> X </u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Councilman Scott Galvin	<u> X </u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Councilwoman Cassandra Timothe, MPA	<u> X </u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin	<u> X </u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)