

RESOLUTION NO. 8271



A RESOLUTION authorizing final allocation of remaining or unspent Covid Recovery Funds.

WHEREAS,

- A. The City of Everett was the recipient of \$20,695,570 from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, as authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). In addition, \$447,975 was realized in interest earnings for a total of \$21,143,545. These funds provided a one-time opportunity to invest federal dollars toward the City’s most pressing community challenges and recovery efforts. These funds were required to be spent within the guidelines established by the U.S. Treasury, and they are separate from the City’s annual budget process.
- B. The City Council adopted a series of resolutions between 2021 and 2023 to allocate \$21,127,026 ARPA funds, which included the original award of \$20,679,050 and \$447,976 in interest earnings, toward eligible projects that generally included Everett Forward Grants for businesses and nonprofits; Public Safety initiatives; Shetler, behavioral health and childcare capital support; Infrastructure projects and revenue replacement for essential government services, primarily Police and Fire labor costs.
- C. On May 31, 2023, the Council passed a resolution to reallocate unspent \$18,339,657 ARPA funds into a City-sponsored COVID Recovery Fund. In addition, \$601,738 was realized of interest earnings for total of \$18,941,395. This fund was designed to continue programs originally approved under earlier ARPA resolutions, support additional recovery projects through future Council actions and ensure compliance with federal ARPA guidelines while providing flexibility for local priorities.
- D. As of December 31, 2025, through Council approved resolutions, motions and budget appropriations all Covid Recovery Funds were allocated for projects, initiatives and 2024 and 2026 budget replacement needs.
- E. As of December 31, 2025 \$8,982,828 of Covid Recovery Funds have been spent and \$10,051,697 have been committed but not yet spent for projects, initiatives, and budget replacement needs.
- F. An amount of \$296,449 has been identified as unspent and is available to re-allocate.
- G. In accordance with City Council direction, City staff has brought forward to City Council the following additional projects and initiatives that are ready for implementation:

Project/Initiatives Description	Estimated Cost:
Continuation of Clean Everett Days	\$10,000
Downtown vacancy project that Council approved on 12/3/2035	\$25,000
Program operations for City of Everett FIFA World Cup Fan Zones	\$ 261,449
	\$296,449

- H. The purpose of this resolution is to authorize the City to implement these projects and initiatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Allocation. The City Council determines to use an amount not to exceed **\$296,449** of the City's funds from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund for the projects and initiatives listed in Recital G above.
2. Authority to Proceed with Implementation. In accordance with the applicable laws and regulations that govern Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, the Mayor is authorized to proceed to implement the projects and initiatives allocated in Recital 1 above. City staff is directed to bring City Council any items that City Council must approve to implement these projects and initiatives, including, for example, any necessary budget amendment(s), ordinances, or additional resolutions. In accordance with and to the extent required by the City's Procurement Policy, staff will also bring to City Council the contracts, requests for proposals, calls for bids, and other procurement matters as may be necessary for implementation of these projects and initiatives.

Scott G. Bader

Councilmember introducing resolution

Passed and approved this 11th day of February, 2026.

Tom M. Schwab

Council President

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