

**RESOLUTION FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT
(ARPA) ALLOCATION**

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the President of the United States signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to provide continued relief from the public health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, ARPA created the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) that provided direct funding to state, local, and Tribal governments across the country to support their response to and recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Westford has accepted an allocation of SLFRF in the amount of \$632,754.42; and

WHEREAS, SLFRF provides needed fiscal relief for recipients that have experienced revenue loss due to the onset of the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, Treasury presumes that up to \$10 million in revenue has been lost due to the public health emergency and recipients are permitted to use that amount (not to exceed the award amount) to fund “government services.”; and

WHEREAS, Recipients may elect a “standard allowance” of \$10 million to spend on government services through the period of performance; and

WHEREAS, All recipients may elect to use this standard allowance instead of calculating lost revenue using the formula provided by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, including those with total allocations of \$10 million or less; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Westford has the need to fund government services while in the recovery phase of the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Selectboard of the Town of Westford, Vermont, authorizes the following:

Section 1. The following allocation of SLFRF funding to fund government services under the replacing lost public sector revenue spending category as follows:

Expend SLFRF funds in an amount up to \$285,392.17 for the purpose of municipal workforce retention to pay for payroll expenses and employee benefits for the period 01/01/2024 through 12/01/2024.

Passed and Adopted by the Selectboard of the Town of Westford, Vermont on the 21st day of November 2024.

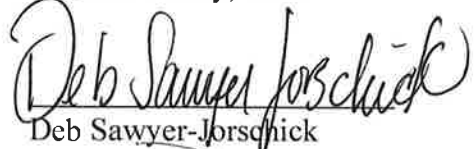
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