

## **CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO**

### **ORDINANCE No. 23-20 AC CMS**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PROVIDING OBERLIN WITH EFFICIENCY RESPONSIBLY FOR HOME REPAIRS FOR OBERLIN RESIDENTS IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, this Council finds that under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, (“ARPA”), populations with low to moderate income are presumed to have been impacted by the negative health, safety, and economic effects of the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds that as the economy recovers, the negative health, safety, and economic effects of the COVID-19 public health emergency may continue to impact households in the form of a continued risk of long-term effects on the health, safety, and economic potential of members of the Oberlin community that have been impacted by the negative economic consequences of the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, ARPA funding is intended to help communities rebuild in ways that secure economic stability and mobility for those impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oberlin is in receipt of funds granted under ARPA, which may be used to mitigate the negative health, safety, and economic impacts caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Providing Oberlin With Efficiency Responsibly (“POWER”) is an Oberlin-based, not-for-profit corporation duly formed under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code that provides services to the Oberlin community, including home repairs and weatherization to Oberlin’s lower-income community; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds that the provision of financial assistance to POWER for home repairs and weatherization to households that have been impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency is a lawful and appropriate use of ARPA funds that have been allocated to the City of Oberlin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Oberlin, County of Lorain, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing findings of the Oberlin City Council are hereby affirmed and adopted as part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2: That Council does hereby authorize the distribution of ARPA funds in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to POWER to assist with the cost of home repairs and weatherization for households eligible for the receipt of funds under the provisions of ARPA.

SECTION 3: That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to take all such administrative action as may be necessary or convenient for the provision of ARPA funding to POWER as authorized by this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 5. That this Ordinance shall take effect on the earliest date allowed by law.


PASSED: 1st Reading: March 6, 2023  
2nd Reading: March 20, 2023 (Adopted)  
3rd Reading:

ATTEST:



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BELINDA B. ANDERSON, MMC  
CLERK OF COUNCIL



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BRYAN BURGESS  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

POSTED: 03/21/2023

EFFECTIVE DATE: 04/19/2023