

**NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT****RE: BOARD OF ALDER REFERRALS**

**1583-04 ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS authorizing the Mayor of the City Of New Haven to apply for and accept federal stimulus funding in a manner consistent with and pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. (Submitted by: Mayor's Office)**

**REPORT: 1583-04**

**ADVICE:** The Commission supports the ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS authorizing the Mayor of the City of New Haven to apply for and accept federal stimulus funding in a manner consistent with and pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

**BACKGROUND**

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The American Rescue Plan includes the following:

- Stimulus Payments-  
\$1,400 per person and dependent, subject to income limits of \$75K (individual) and \$150K (couple).
- Unemployment Benefits-  
Additional \$300/week of assistance until September 6, 2021.
- Child Tax Credit-  
Expanded credit to \$3,000 (for each child age 6-17) and \$3,600 (for each child under 6), scaled down based on incomes of over \$75K (individual) and \$150K (couple).
- Eligible families would get \$300 per child per month from July to December 2021.
- Additional funding for Small Business, Rental Assistance, Vaccine/Public Health, Low Income Energy Assistance, Education....

In addition, the American Rescue Plan provides direct line item support to local governments. Many of them, just like New Haven, have incurred significant costs to address the impact of the pandemic and realized associated revenue shortfalls on important revenue lines. The City's Controller will present to the Board an accounting of these costs at the Committee hearing for this item.

Eligible categories include:

- (A) to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;
- (B) to respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the metropolitan city, no entitlement unit of local government, or county that are performing such essential work, or


- by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work;
- (C) for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such metropolitan city, no entitlement unit of local government, or county due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the metropolitan city, non-entitlement unit of local government, or county prior to the emergency; or
  - (D) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

Early start initiatives focus on youth engagement, safe summer, clean and safe and arts and cultural initiatives all designed to support community wellbeing with immediate impact coming out of the pandemic. Longer term, this communication summarizes the process to make investments and have a robust community engagement process known as the Civic Space. This will lead to the formal submission of a full investment plan when ready for the Board's consideration.

#### **PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS: ADVICE**

The American Rescue Plan is one of a number of emerging initiatives designed to stimulate the economy and make lasting, structural changes in our community. The Comprehensive Plan of Development, the New Haven Coastal Program and other recently approved planning documents are useful tools and can help inform the decision-making process. Land use, while not always at the forefront of these discussions, is a very important consideration and will help put plans into motion as they relate to job creation, affordable housing, transportation, environmental protection, cultural equity and the many other potential pathways for a lasting recovery.

**ADOPTED:** April 21, 2021  
Leslie Radcliffe  
Chair

**ATTEST:**   
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Executive Director City Plan