

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF DIMMIT §
CITY OF CARRIZO SPRINGS §

RESOLUTION NO. 574

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARRIZO SPRINGS, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE USE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 FUNDING FOR COVID-19 RECOVERY PROGRAMS AND DESIGNATING INTERIM CITY MANAGER MELISSA M. GUERRA AS THE AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was passed by the 117th United States Congress and signed into law on March 11, 2021;

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 authorized \$21.6 billion for states territories and local governments to assist with the recovery from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Treasurer has released an Interim Final Rule regarding eligible uses of the funding received through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021;

WHEREAS, the Interim Final Rule provides local governments authority to make certain determination relating to the eligible uses of such funding;

WHEREAS, the City of Carrizo Springs will implement programs with a good faith intent to comply with the provisions of the Interim Final Rule;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARRIZO SPRINGS, TEXAS;

SECTION 1. The City of Carrizo Springs hereby accepts the funding provided by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and authorizes the Interim City Manager to act on all contractual matters related to said funding.

SECTION 2. The City of Carrizo Springs will use funding to directly benefit individuals and households affected by COVID-19. Through the following program:

- a. Water & Natural Gas Utility Bill Assistance Program

SECTION 3. The City of Carrizo Springs will use funding to directly benefit small business affected by COVID-19 in accordance with the approved guidelines through the following program:

- a. Small Business Grant

SECTION 4. The City of Carrizo Springs will use funding to directly benefit essential employees by providing premium pay to the following employees who have been deemed to provide essential services and public safety:

- a. **Public Safety Employees:** Certified Firefighters
- b. **Non-Public Safety Government Services Employees:** City employees, other than public safety employees shall receive an additional monthly payment for the risk associated with COVID-19 due to their job required person-to-person contact March 2020 through December 2021.

SECTION 5. The City of Carrizo Springs will use funding up to \$220,000 for infrastructure improvements in accordance with the approved guidelines.

SECTION 6. The City of Carrizo Springs will use funding to cover administrative cost not to exceed \$20,000. Such expenses may include personnel, supplies, application processing, and advertisement cost.

SECTION 7. The City of Carrizo Springs will use funding up to \$10,000 to support EMS services to compensate for COVID-19 related expenses and financial losses during the pandemic in accordance with the approved guidelines.

READ, PASSED AND APPROVED, this 18TH day of November 2021.


Oscar E. Puente, Mayor
City of Carrizo Springs

ATTEST:


Melissa M. Guerra, City Clerk
City of Carrizo Springs

