COUNCIL PENDING ORDINANCE 2026-42
ORDINANCE NO._____
AS AMENDED _____
CERTIFICATION DATE_____
CERTIFIED BY_____
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UNFAVORABLY_____

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GARY, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA AMENDING THE CITY OF GARY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) SPENDING PLAN AND REAPPRORIATING PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ARPA FUNDS

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 36-4-7-8 provides that the Common Council may, on the recommendation of the Mayor, make further additional or reductions in appropriations by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Gary Common Council previously adopted ordinances establishing and amending the City's ARPA Spending Plan and appropriating ARPA funds for various eligible projects and programs; and

WHEREAS, the City has reviewed the status, necessity, and availability of certain ARPA Funds, and it has been determined that it is now necessary to make changes to American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds' appropriations that were previously appropriated in the since the inception of the ARPA Programs; and

WHEREAS, an increase and reduction in appropriations are needed to align with APRA Programs and Projects that have previously occurred and is in the best interest of the City to align these appropriations as the City work towards improving the consequences of negative economic impacts that have occurred; and

WHEREAS, it is a requirement that all ARPA funds be expended by December 31, 2026, and it is now necessary that the City re-allocate and re-appropriate funds to ensure that maximum funds are spent in accordance with ARPA requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Gary Common Council finds that amending the ARPA Spending Plan and reallocating the funds identified herein to complete the Brother's Keeper Project and other nonprofit grants is in the best interests of the City of Gary and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF GARY COMMON COUNCIL, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, as follows:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF ARPA SPENDING PLAN. The City's ARPA Spending Plan is hereby amended to reduce or transfer previously appropriated ARPA funding from the following projects in the amounts listed below:

Program Description Reallocated	Amount
AIM Medical Insurance	$552,965.39
Public Safety Payroll	$37,472.22
Total Appropriation Changes:	$590,437.61

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION. The funds referenced in Section 1 shall be reappropriated to the Brother's Keeper Project and the Health Department Project as follows:

(a) Appropriation to Brother's Keeper Project. The amount of $300,000 is appropriated to the Brother's Keeper Project to cover the remaining cost of construction plus contingencies.

(b) Appropriation to Health Department Project. The amount of $290,437.will be allocated to the Health Department building improvements at the Hudson-Campbell, both previously identified projects of ARPA funds appropriated and obligated as of December 31, 2024. The total sum of $590,437.61 is hereby appropriated and re-allocated to the Brother's Keeper Project and the Health Department building improvements.

The Controller is authorized and directed to make all accounting entries and budgetary adjustments necessary to effectuate the transfer and reallocation authorized herein.

SECTION 3. Compliance with ARPA Requirements. All expenditures made pursuant to this Ordinance shall comply with the ARPA requirements, applicable Treasury Regulations, and any other federal requirements governing the use of the ARPA funds.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED and **ADOPTED**, by the Common Council of the City of Gary, Indiana, this ___ _____day of_____, 2026.

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PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

Presented by me to the Mayor for his approval and signature this ___ day of _____ 2026.

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CITY CLERK

APPROVED and **SIGNED** by me this ___ day of _____ 2026.

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MAYOR, CITY OF GARY, INDIANA

PREPARED BY: Marco Molina, Law Department
SPONSORED BY: Mayor Eddie D. Melton
Chenika A. Beck, Controller

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT_____ Reported-out/Date_____
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