



**Background Paper for Proposed  
RESOLUTION**

**COUNCIL MEETING DATE:** March 14, 2022

TO: President Heather Graham and Members of City Council  
CC: Nicholas A. Gradisar, Mayor  
VIA: Marisa Stoller, City Clerk  
FROM: Lori Pinz, Director of the Information Technology Department  
SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$267,851 FROM PROJECT NO. CI-2113 - AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT, FOR PURPOSES OF ENHANCING CYBERSECURITY AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 603(a)(1)(C) OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT AND FINAL RULE 31 CFR 35.6 (d)

**SUMMARY:**

This Resolution provides funding for the purchase of ninety-two terabytes (92TB) of network storage for the purpose of enhancing Cybersecurity efforts for the City of Pueblo as authorized by Section 603(a)(1)(C) of the American Rescue Plan Act and Final Rule 31 CFR 35.6(d).

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:**

By Ordinance No. 9931, approved on May 17, 2021, the City Council established Project No. CI-2113 and budgeted and appropriated up to \$36.7 million in funds which were expected to be distributed to the City from the American Recovery Plan Act ("ARPA") for covered costs and eligible expenses to be incurred during the period which began on March 3, 2021 until December 31, 2024 (to be expended by December 31, 2026).

**BACKGROUND**

To enhance the City's protection against a cybersecurity event like a ransomware attack requires a substantial time and money for computer hardware and software and a continuing change in strategy every time a new method for an attack occurs. With the COVID pandemic, these attacks have significantly increased. The City's Information Technology Department (IT) receives weekly and sometimes daily information from the Department of Homeland Security discussing cyber threats. In some cases, the IT Department must change how it does things or adds additional protections.

One of our best defenses against any cyber-event like ransomware is regularly and frequently backing up using different strategies. In the case of any event having a diligent data backup process can limit the damage caused. It eliminates the need to pay any ransom and eliminates the risk of not getting your data back even after paying it. Due to a recent vulnerability IT had to respond to, it was determined immediate changes were required to improve the City's back up strategy and network protections. These changes require additional network storage to be purchased so that the City's protection levels can be enhanced and sufficiently implemented.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

One-time cost of \$267,851.00 for 92TB of storage.

**BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

Not applicable to this Resolution.

**STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:**

Not applicable to this Resolution.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

City Council could decide not to support or fund the additional storage and costs will need to be found through other means. Cybersecurity enhancements will be delay introducing risk to the security of the City's data.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approval of the Resolution

**Attachments:**

Copy of proposed Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 14830

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RECITALS

The following recitals are incorporated in and made a part of this Resolution:

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the U.S. Senate-amended H.R. 1319 (P.L. 117-2) known as the American Rescue Plan Act (hereinafter "ARPA"); and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2021, the U.S. Treasury issued the Interim Final Rule to implement ARPA in Title 31, Part 35 of the Code of Federal Regulations ("CFR"); and

WHEREAS, under the Final Rule, recipients may use Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds ("CSLFRF") to fund additional network storage; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF PUEBLO that:

SECTION 1.

Funds in the amount of \$267,851.00 are hereby authorized for payment from Project No. CI-2113 – American Rescue Plan Act, to the City’s Information Technology Department for purposes of enhancing the cybersecurity efforts for the City.

SECTION 2.

The officers and staff of the City are authorized to perform any and all acts consistent with this Resolution to implement the policies and procedures described herein.

SECTION 3.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon final passage.

INTRODUCED: March 14, 2022

BY: Sarah Martinez  
MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL

APPROVED: [Signature]  
PRESIDENT OF CITY COUNCIL

ATTESTED BY: [Signature]  
CITY CLERK