



**CITY OF NEW BEDFORD**  
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

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January 6, 2022

President Pro Tempore Linda M. Morad and  
Honorable Members of the City Council  
133 William St.  
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear President Pro Tempore Morad and Honorable Members:

On November 30, 2021, I sent by e-mail to former Council President Lopes a proposed spending outline for the City's total \$81.4 million allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, which the Council reviewed at its December 13<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee meeting. As you are aware, the City's funding allocation is comprised of two components—\$64.7 million in direct federal funding from the U.S. Department of the Treasury and \$16.7 million which is New Bedford's per capita share of Bristol County's ARPA allocation.

You already have before you for consideration an Order to accept the City's direct federal ARPA grant. Attached for your consideration is a similar Order to accept the City of New Bedford's portion of Bristol County's ARPA grant funds. I respectfully request that the body act upon both orders at its earliest opportunity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jonathan F. Mitchell  
JFM/erc

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

IN CITY COUNCIL, January 13, 2022

Dennis W. Farias, City Clerk

a true copy, attest:

*Dennis W. Farias*

City Clerk