

RESOLUTION NO. 22-03-308

AUTHORIZE A ONE-TIME FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE
CASSTOWN COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT

COMMISSIONERS/GENERAL COUNTY

Mr. Simmons introduced the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

WHEREAS, Title IX, Subtitle M, Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act, Pub. L. 117-2 [H.R. 1319], signed into law March 11, 2021 (“**ARPA**”), appropriated Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (the “**Fund**”) payments from the U.S. Treasury Secretary to metropolitan cities, non-entitlement units of local government, and counties; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the ARPA’s Fund methodology, Miami County was allocated approximately \$20,800,000 (the “**Fund Payment**”) to “mitigate the fiscal effects stemming from the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)”; and

WHEREAS, the ARPA and its supporting U.S. Treasury guidance provide that the Fund Payment may only be used by the County to finance costs that (a) respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impacts; (b) respond to workers performing essential work; (c) provide government services to extent of reduction in revenue; and (d) make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure (collectively, the “**Criteria**”); and

WHEREAS, the on July 30, 2021, the US Treasury issued to the Board \$10,390,485.50 of its total ARPA funding allocation \$20,800,000.00, said Fund Payment is to cover only those expenditures consistent with ARPA, including the Criteria, and applicable regulations, and such Fund Payment has been or will be deposited into an appropriate special revenue fund created and maintained by the County; and

WHEREAS, the Casstown Community Volunteer Fire Department’s Chief has requested the use of ARPA funds to provide resources to meet and address emergent public health needs through the use of proper equipment and supplies wherein the costs and the need for such equipment have been compounded by the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Casstown Volunteer Fire Department is a non-profit 501c3 organization and is requesting funds to purchase 18 new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), 36 SCBA Cylinders, 18 SCBA face-pieces, a Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) SCBA Pack and a RIT Cylinder, wherefore the current apparatuses are rapidly aging past any ability to adequately maintain in an operational state; and

WHEREAS, the Casstown Community Volunteer Fire Department shall make an audited account of any funds received from the County and provide this information to the County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Miami, State of Ohio:

SECTION 5. As time is of the essence, the duly authorized representatives of the County are directed to take action under this resolution as soon as possible.

SECTION 6. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and any of its committees concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, all in compliance with Ohio's Sunshine Laws, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

NOW THEREFORE be it FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Miami County Commissioners do hereby authorize the one-time contribution in the amount of \$25,000.00 to the Casstown Community Volunteer Fire Department for purchase of equipment, to be paid from Fund 198.

Mr. Mercer seconded the motion and the Board voted as follows upon roll call:

Mr. Mercer, Yea; Mr. Simmons, Yea; Mr. Westfall, Yea.

DATED: March 15, 2022

CERTIFICATION

I, Janelle S. Barga, Clerk to the Board of Miami County Commissioners, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct transcript of action taken by the Board under the date of March 15, 2022.

Janelle S. Barga, Clerk

cc: Journal
 Files
 Auditor
 MCC – Carrie Vaughan
 Requesting Party