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Common Council Item Number: ID#23-6224	Date: 3/21/2023
Submitted By: Alex Damien, Interim Director of Public Works	City Administrator Approval: Kevin Lahner, City Administrator
Finance Department Review: Joseph Ciurro, Finance Director	City Attorney's Office Review: Brian Running, City Attorney BR
Subject: Review and Act on Resolution Authorizing the Filing of ARPA Grant	

Details:
 This item is to review and act on a resolution authorizing the Transit Manager to file the Transit Commission's American Rescue Program Act (ARPA) Grant with the Federal Transit Administration. The ARPA grant funds are the last of the relief grant funds allocated to the City and County of Waukesha to help the transit systems recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds are available at 100% reimbursement of expense. A total of \$4,365,040 of funds are allocated to the City and County of Waukesha and are split 50/50 each receiving \$2,182,520. The ARPA funds for transit can only be used for transit operations and must be used by 9/30/2029.

The funds must be applied before 9/30/24 but the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has recently advised Transit to apply for them in 2023 to ensure that the funds will not lapse back to the FTA. The FTA has also informed Transit that the other relief funds the City already has can now be used for capital not just operating (CARES and CRRSAA) and these funds do not have deadline for use at this time so a portion of the earlier relief funds could be used for capital expenses at 100%. Due to these various factors, Transit plans to start using the ARPA funds to assist with operations and preserve the existing funds for future operations or capital use.

Options & Alternatives:
 No viable alternatives as the relief funds are allocated to the City and County and not utilizing them would mean the funds would lapse back to the FTA and be redistributed to other transit systems.

Financial Remarks:
 The City will receive \$2,182,520 in ARPA funds to be used for transit operations reimbursed at a 100% of the cost. The County will receive the same amount to use towards their transit operations.

Executive Recommendation:

Recommend approval.