



Legislation Text

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ARPA Funds - Land Bank Transformative Brownfield Redevelopment Projects
Department of Economic Development
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Authorizing the appropriation and expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$3,722,078 from the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Lucas County Land Bank for clean-up, demolition and redevelopment of brownfield sites; authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Lucas County Land Bank for said purpose; and declaring an emergency.

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

The city is the recipient of \$180.9 million through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to be used to address the public health and negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Toledo Recovery Plan framework, authorized by Ordinance 530-21, includes \$6 million for clean-up, demolition and redevelopment of brownfield sites.

The City and Lucas County Land Bank recognize the importance partnering to address legacy environmental issues to promote health and safety of residents and create new development opportunities. This partnership is formally memorialized in the recently executed First Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Lucas County Land Bank, which specifically identifies collaboration on brownfield remediation projects as a primary way the parties agree to work together. The City and Lucas County Land Bank have partnered to apply for several state grant programs for the transformation of some of the most blighted buildings and most under-utilized sites. The Lucas County Land Bank has been awarded \$2,770,250 in state grant funding for five transformative brownfield redevelopment projects. A local match is required to leverage the secured state grant funding.

This ordinance authorizes the appropriation and expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$3,722,078 million of ARPA funding to the Lucas County Land Bank for clean-up, demolition and redevelopment of five transformative brownfield redevelopment projects. Attached are several documents outlining the proposed investment and timeline for the five proposed projects.

NOW THEREFORE, Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Toledo:

SECTION 1. That the appropriation of \$3,722,078 is authorized from the unappropriated balance of the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund to Account Code 2021-16400-5DEVELOPMTNEI and the expenditure of same is authorized for providing funding to the Lucas County Land Bank for clean-up, demolition and redevelopment of five transformative brownfield redevelopment projects.

SECTION 2. That the Mayor is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Lucas County Land Bank for the purposes authorized in Section 1 upon terms and conditions consistent with American Rescue Plan Act regulations and otherwise acceptable to the Director of Law.

SECTION 3. That the Finance Director is authorized to draw warrant or warrants against the above Account Code in an amount not to exceed \$3,722,078 in payment of the above-authorized obligations upon presentation of the proper documentation.

SECTION 4. That this Ordinance, being an emergency measure, shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage. The reason for the emergency lies in the fact that the Ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and property and for the further reason that this Ordinance must be immediately effective in order to timely provide funding five brownfield remediation projects.

Vote on emergency clause: yeas _____, nays _____.

Passed: _____, as an emergency measure: yeas _____, nays _____.

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

President of Council

Approved: _____

Mayor

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance passed by Council

_____.

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council