

**THE CITY OF WARWICK  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**NO..... DATE.....**

**APPROVED.....MAYOR**

**A RESOLUTION TO THE GOVERNOR AND RHODE ISLAND GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY TO ALLOCATED \$8 MILLION OF THE NEW STIMULUS MONEY TO  
AFTER SCHOOL AND SUMMER PROGRAMS**

**Resolved that,**

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Warwick are matters of paramount importance to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 public health crisis, the State of Rhode Island enacted a number of executive orders and health directives that have negatively impacted Rhode Island afterschool and summer programming; and

WHEREAS, the orders and directives were certainly well-intentioned, but have left youths and their families without access to after school and Summer programs for the past year; and

WHEREAS, after school and summer programs, such as the services provided by the Boys and Girls Club, are comprised of qualified, educational professionals who provide valuable opportunities for socialization, mitigation of learning loss due to school closures, meals, and safe spaces for thousands of children in Rhode Island and nearly 1,600 in the City of Warwick; and

WHEREAS, dollars directed to the Rhode Island Department of Education and the Department of Human Services from the CARES Act passed in March 2020, have not trickled down to entities which run after school and summer programs, and have therefore, left them unable to remain open and accessible to youths and their families; and

WHEREAS, these entities have further been affected by lack of funding in various ways, such as instituting lay-offs of essential staff and turning youths away to remain below mandated capacity requirements, further affecting youths in the City of Warwick and the state of Rhode Island.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Warwick City Council strongly urges both the Governor and the General Assembly to act without delay to allocated \$8 Million dollars from one or more of the following stimulus funding sources: Governor’s Emergency Education

1 Relief Fund, Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (“ESSER II”), K-12  
2 Funds, the \$23.5 Million Child Care Funds, and Coronavirus Relief Fund for states and counties,  
3 to after school and summer programs serving Rhode Island youth;  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the State of Rhode Island is unable to disburse  
6 funds from the aforementioned places, the City Council urges immediate and decisive action to  
7 be taken by state leaders to provide significant, additional financial assistance to after school and  
8 summer programs which are struggling and have been negatively impacted by the public health  
9 crisis;  
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is directed to send a copy of this  
12 Resolution to the Honorable Governor Gina M. Raimondo, Lt. Governor Daniel McKee, to all of  
13 the Senators and Representatives in the Rhode Island General Assembly who represent the City  
14 of Warwick, including Majority Leader Michael McCaffrey, Senators Jeanine Calkin and Kendra  
15 Anderson, Representatives Joseph McNamara, David Bennett, Camille Vella-Wilkinson, Joseph  
16 Solomon, Jr., Evan Shanley, Patricia Morgan and Patricia Serpa, Speaker of the House K. Joseph  
17 Shekarchi, and Senate President Dominick Ruggiero.  
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19 This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.  
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