

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-R-92

**AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF
CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS
ON A VACCINE INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR
RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF IRONDALE**

WHEREAS, mitigating the impact of COVID-19 and its Delta variant continues to require an unprecedented public health response from local governments; and

WHEREAS, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) provide resources to meet these needs through the provision of care for those impacted by the virus and through services that address disparities in public health that have been exacerbated by the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 31 CFR § 35.6(b)(1)(i) certain eligible uses are promulgated for expenditure of CSLFRF in response to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including: “Expenses related to COVID-19 vaccination programs and sites, including staffing, acquisition of equipment or supplies, facilities costs, and information technology or other administrative expenses”; and

WHEREAS, on or about July 29, 2021, the United States Department of the Treasury released an official guidance clarifying that “recipients [of CSLFRF] may use funds to [respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and] pay for vaccine incentive programs (e.g., cash or in-kind transfers, lottery programs, or other incentives for individuals who get vaccinated)” and reiterated certain flexibility of a municipality exists, as further explained under the Interim Final Rule, to establish “programs that provide incentives reasonably expected to increase the number of people who choose to get vaccinated, or that motivate people to get vaccinated sooner than they otherwise would have, [and otherwise constitutes]...an allowable use of funds so long as such costs are reasonably proportional to the expected public health benefit”; and

WHEREAS, as of August 1, 2021, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 34.8% of Alabama’s total population is fully vaccinated, and as reported by the Alabama Department of Public health, only 37.87% of Jefferson County’s population has completed the vaccine series; and

WHEREAS, the City of Irondale is located in Jefferson County and finds these lower rates of vaccination is a public health emergency that requires the establishment of a program to contain and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by offering vaccination incentives to its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Vaccinate Irondale Incentive Program, commencing on August 26, 2021 through November 15, 2021, will encourage residents to get vaccinated in order to prevent another COVID-19 public health emergency within the City and will allow payment of \$200 per City resident for complete vaccination from COVID-19 for the first 200 residents to apply.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRONDALE, ALABAMA, that the City of Irondale, Alabama declares that a public health emergency exists within its corporate limits requiring a vaccine incentive program; that such vaccine incentive program constitutes and promotes a public purpose; and that Mayor James D. Stewart, Jr. is authorized to expend Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for the Vaccinate Irondale Incentive Program. This resolution shall be in effect upon adoption.

ADOPTED & APPROVED: This the 25th day of August, 2021.

David Spivey, City Council President

APPROVED:

James D. Stewart, Jr., Mayor

ATTESTED:

Lu Jackson, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Lu Jackson, City Clerk of the City of Irondale, Alabama, hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Irondale at its special meeting held on August 25, 2021, as same appears in the minutes of record of said meeting.

Lu Jackson, City Clerk