

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 114

Approved March 3, 2023

WHEREAS, Municipalities have seen an influx of federal aid to support our economic recovery from COVID-19, those funds are intended to support our communities through the new challenges they are facing; and

WHEREAS, Federal stimulus funds have allowed communities to make progress but are far short of the investments needed to accommodate a new influx of housing; and

WHEREAS, As the state looks to increase housing stock, cities and towns will need infrastructure to respond to population growth; and

WHEREAS, In FY 2022 and FY 2023, approximately \$3.5 million was allocated to the Municipal Infrastructure Grant program, for the first time since the program was established in 2017; and

WHEREAS, In the first round of funding proposals, 17 municipalities requested almost \$8.5 million dollars from this program across 24 project proposals; and

WHEREAS, Many communities are interested in securing Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) funds but are lacking matching funds to be seen as competitive nationally.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence strongly encourages the General Assembly to approve the FY 2024 proposed Municipal Roads Program for \$20.0 million so cities and towns can complete road, sidewalk, and bridge projects.



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Providence City Council strongly encourages the General Assembly to identify an annual source of funding for the Municipal Roads Program similar to Massachusetts "Chapter 90" program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council strongly encourages the General Assembly to approve the FY 2024 proposed Municipal Infrastructure Matching Pool for \$5.5 million to support municipalities applying for IIJA funds, but lack local matching funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the providence City Council strongly encourages the General Assembly to support municipal infrastructure and resilience projects by allocating \$30.0 million to the Municipal Infrastructure Grant program for two years as it is critical to expanding the housing stock across the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mayor of Providence, the Speaker of the House and the Providence Delegation.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
MAR 02 2023  
READ AND PASSED

  
RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT  
  
CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

  
Mayor

Date: 3/3/2023