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**Louisville Metro Council  
City Hall  
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**Re: American Rescue Plan Monies**

**On Tuesday, December 1, 2020, Mayor Greg Fisher signed an Executive Order No. 2020-022, declaring racism as a public health crisis. In his remarks he laid out a Racial Equity Plan for Black Louisville with no deadlines nor funding. I would like to see \$40 million spent on implementing this plan.**

**I would also like to see a massive clean-up in West Louisville. Allocate \$55 million dollars on sidewalk repairs, paving and other infrastructure needs. For example, under the viaduct at 15<sup>th</sup> & Oak Street, there are huge potholes that need to be paved. This includes Chestnut Street all the way up to 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Every alley in the West End especially around Beech Street, and the California area is in serious need of trash removal.**

**Allocate \$20 million toward rebuilding Park Hill, and until that happens there needs to be more cleanup crews in that neighborhood and added security.**

**Every abandoned house in West Louisville needs to be either torn down or renovated. You have over 11,000 homeless children in JCPS seriously in need of a HOME. Housing should be made affordable to these families. No family should be homeless. Allocate \$10 million to house "homeless" families.**

**I would like to see \$50 million set aside for Tarc3 Paratransit Services. There is an immediate need for new buses. Every bus you get on, it seems as if it is falling apart. There is also a need to bring back the old drivers with seniority. Far too many disabled and blind passengers are being left behind, missing**

**doctor appointments, dialysis, and are unable to get rides when they are needed. Finally, bring back the Tarc Circulator.**

**There should be set aside \$2 million for an expansion of programs at the Kentucky African American Heritage Center. Prior to the pandemic, plans for a Black Media Collaborative was being discussed to teach our young people, journalism and filmmaking. Also, it was a place where there were serious community meetings and forums were held. With redistricting coming up, our community needs to be totally involved to eliminate gerrymandering. Also, the Kentucky Center for African American Heritage should include a Civil Rights Reading Room where youth could learn our history and civic engagement strategies. This would include the hiring of an archivist who collect the papers of civil rights activists, who could pass on their experience, which could lead to building a stronger community.**

**Allocate \$3 million toward Job Corps which would be used to train low-income students ages 16 through 24 learn job skills and to earn a high school diploma or GED and start a successful career in automotive technicians, machining, painting, plumbing, and welding. Additionally, to enroll students in their construction programs which includes asphalt paving, bricklaying, cement masonry, and advanced weatherization programs.**

**Allocate \$3 million in YouthBuild where youth aged 18-24 can make a commitment to CHANGE. Students can enroll in Construction, Pre-Nursing (CAN) and Environmental/Landscaping Programs. Students will receive a weekly living allowance.**

**Allocate \$27.6 million for small businesses recovery support. Examine Minority, Women, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises certification requirements to remove barriers to entry and implement alternatives to increase procurement opportunities. Allocate \$1.2 million to Dr. Norris Shelton, President, American Slaves, Inc. to properly train genuine leaders in his ground-breaking Renaissance Plan to build wealth.**

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