

Summary

Board Bill Number 160

Introduced by Alderwoman Anne Schweitzer

February 13, 2026

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COSPONSORS: ALDERMAN MICHAEL BROWNING**

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2 **\$1,200,000.00** of interest funds earned on the City’s funds received under the American Rescue
3 Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2 (March 11, 2021) (ARPA); and authorizing the transfer of
4 such funds for water infrastructure repair and replacement project purposes; and containing an
5 emergency clause.

6 **WHEREAS**, the City has received Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds awarded under the
7 American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA Funds”), which may be used “to respond to the public health
8 emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) or its negative economic
9 impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted
10 industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality” and for other governmental purposes; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the City is earning investment interest from the ARPA Funds deposits; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the United States Department of the Treasury’s ARPA State and Local Fiscal
13 Relief Funds (SLFRF) Final Rule, in Rule 10.1, provides that local governments have the ability
14 to place their funds in interest-gathering accounts, and furthermore that the U.S. Treasury does
15 not require local governments to expend the interest according to the parameters of ARPA
16 restrictions and eligible uses; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the City has substantial need for repairs and improvements to its aging water
18 infrastructure.

19 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:**

20 **SECTION ONE.** There is hereby appropriated the sum of ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED
21 THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,200,000.00) of the interest earned on the ARPA Funds to the

1 Water Division of the Department of Public Utilities for water infrastructure repair and
2 replacement. The Comptroller is authorized and directed to issue warrants upon the City
3 Treasury for payment of all expenditures authorized in this Section provided that such warrants
4 do not exceed the total amount of funds appropriated by this Section.

5 **SECTION TWO.** Emergency Clause.

6 This being an ordinance providing for the immediate preservation and providing public work or
7 improvements and repairs thereof, it is hereby declared to be an emergency measure within the
8 meaning of Sections 19 and 20 of Article IV of the Charter of the City of St. Louis and therefore
9 this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.