

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Information Technology Services

AGENDA DATE: October 24, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: N/A

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:

Information Technology Services, Araceli Guerra, Managing Director Internal Services (915) 212-1401

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 5: Promote Transparent and Consistent Communication Amongst All Members of the Community

SUBGOAL: 5.2: Leverage and expand the use of current and new technology to reduce inefficiencies and improve communications

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action to approve an amendment to the appropriation of \$ 3,000,000 for the implementation of high-speed internet throughout the City of El Paso from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in accordance with the requirements stipulated by the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") and federal guidelines in the Final Rule.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The City is a recipient of the ARPA grant in the amount of \$154,365,135 which was appropriated by Council on May 09, 2022. This requested amendment reallocates Broadband Infrastructure Program funds, reallocating \$3,000,000 short-term project funds to the long-term project, for a total of \$10,000,000 in support of the expansion of high-speed internet to be distributed through City facilities for public use in below-poverty areas as opposed to directly providing internet services via commercial providers. Additionally, the reallocation will improve internet performance in public health and public safety facilities.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

On May 09, 2022, the City Council appropriated \$3,000,000 of the ARPA grant fund to procure and directly provide broadband internet to households below poverty income levels.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Amount: \$3,000,000

Funding Source: Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSLFRF)

Account: 239-2235-G21CSLFRF-15260-FRF10-540000

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:



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