

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

AGENDA DATE: May 6, 2024
PUBLIC HEARING DATE: N/A

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:
K. Nicole Cote Managing Director, City Manager's Office (915) 212-1092

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL: 6. Set the Standard for Sound Governance and Fiscal Management

SUBGOAL: N/A

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action on a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee, to reallocate \$11,154,312 of grants from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recover Funds for the following programs:

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2. El Paso Computes in the amount of \$3,000,000; and
3. Additional funding for the Public Health Clinic located in the Medical Center of the Americas in the amount of \$1,554,312.

That the above allocations are made in accordance with the requirements stipulated by the American Rescue Plan Act and federal guidelines in the Final Rule to cover expenses incurred to respond and recover from the COVID-19 public crisis.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

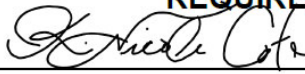
AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? X YES NO

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT: All City

SECONDARY DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office - Office of Management and Budget

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD: 

(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the President of the United States declared a national emergency, Governor of the State of Texas declared a state of disaster, and the Mayor of the City of El Paso declared a local state of disaster in relation to Coronavirus Disease 19 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020 City Council issued an Emergency Ordinance Instituting Emergency Measures due to a Public Health Emergency (“Emergency Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2020 City Council approved appropriations for the CARES Act funds received by the City for eligible expenses from March 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City has on going COVID-19 related expenditures that have continued into FY 2022; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic is a public health crisis that has required immediate action from the City to relieve the emergency necessity of the municipality’s residents and to protect the health and safety of the community, resulting in expenditures by the City to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the federal government enacted the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) which established the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (“CSLFRF”); and

WHEREAS, the Final Rule contains a non-exclusive list of programs or services that may be funded as responding to COVID-19 or the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency, along with considerations for evaluating other potential uses of recovery funds not explicitly listed; and

WHEREAS, the City is a recipient of ARPA grant in the amount of \$154,365,135 from the fund to be received in two tranches, with the first received on May 12, 2021 in the amount of \$77,172,567.50, and the second half of equal value is expected to be received on or about May 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2021 the City Council appropriated \$15,000,000 of ARPA grant funds; and

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2022 the City Council appropriated \$7,821,018 of ARPA grant funds; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2022 the City Council appropriated \$6,600,000 of the ARPA grant funds; and

WHEREAS, on May 9th, 2022 the City Council appropriated the ARPA grant funds in the amount of \$115,979,244 in accordance with the requirements stipulated in the U.S. Department of Treasury’s Final Rule (“Final Rule”) and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to reallocate previously appropriated ARPA funds within existing allocations to assure compliance with the upcoming deadline to obligate ARPA funds.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

THAT as the recipient of the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) grant funds in the amount of \$154,365,135, the City Council approves the reallocation of \$11,154,312 of the grant funds from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for the following programs in the specified amounts:

1. Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus in the amount of \$6,600,000;
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THAT, the above appropriations were obligated during the period starting March 3, 2021, and ending December 31, 2024.

THAT, the City Manager, or designee, be authorized to effectuate any budget transfers and execute any contracts and/or related documents necessary to ensure that the American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) grant funds are properly expended to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

[SIGNATURES BEGIN ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE]

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2024.


CITY OF EL PASO:

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Juan S. Gonzalez
Senior Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



K. Nicole Cote, Director
Office of Management & Budget