

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 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, City Council has previously appropriated ARPA grant funds on January 18, 2022 and July 27, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to appropriate the ARPA grant funds in accordance with the requirements stipulated in the U.S. Department of Treasury’s Final Rule (“Final Rule”).

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

THAT as the recipient of ARPA grant funds in the above stated amounts, the City Council approves the appropriation of \$9,000,000 of the grant funds from the CSLFRF to fund services addressing Community Vulnerability: Homelessness and Family Stability in response to the COVID-19 public health crisis.

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 ARPA grant funds are properly expended in accordance with the requirements stipulated by the American Rescue Plan Act and federal guidelines in the Final Rule.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

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:



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