

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

AGENDA DATE: May 9, 2022
PUBLIC HEARING DATE: N/A

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: K. Nicole Cote, 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 establish appropriations in the amount of \$115,979,244 whereas the City of El Paso is the recipient of the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") grant funds in the amount of \$154,365,135, the City Council approves the appropriation of the grant funds from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds 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 health crisis.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

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"). The City is a recipient of ARPA grant in the amount of \$154,365,135.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

On March 15, 2022, the City Council appropriated \$6,600,000 of ARPA grant funds for the purchase of Digital Video Recording System

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING: \$154,365,135 American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") grant funds.

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? YES NO

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

SECONDARY DEPARTMENT: All City

*****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, the City Council desires to appropriate 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”).

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 appropriation of \$115,979,244 of the grant funds from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds 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 health crisis.

THAT, the above appropriation is obligated during the period starting March 3, 2021, and ending December 31, 2024.

THAT, the instant and previous appropriations are made in compliance with the Final Rule.

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 and recover from the COVID-19 public health emergency.

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2022.


CITY OF EL PASO:

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:


Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Frances M. Maldonado Engelbaum
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



K. Nicole Cote, Director
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