



# ARPA Spending Framework

## Investments for Nonprofits/Social Services

### Phase 1: Immigration Organizations and Services

#### Background

On March 11, 2021, Congress signed into law ARPA which included resources to support local government's response to and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The City of San Antonio was awarded \$326.9 million in State and local Fiscal Recovery Funds. As part of the FY 2022 Budget process, City Council approved \$97.5 million to support the city budget and address community needs. On November 18, 2021, Council approved an additional \$30.0 million for utility assistance. The remaining \$199.4 million remained unallocated and was intended to be awarded following a community engagement process that began in the fall of 2021.

On January 26, 2022, following a community engagement process, staff presented a recommended spending framework reflecting Community and City Council input. The final spending framework was approved by City Council on February 3, 2022. The approved spending framework included \$87.8 million recommended for programmatic funding with \$4 million dedicated to support nonprofit and social services to support organizations and residents disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Through a comprehensive plan, the Department of Human Services will manage investments for nonprofits and social services in the amount of \$4 million through a competitive process. This document outlines the first phase of the implementation plan, which focuses on investments for immigration serving organizations and programs.

#### Eligibility

##### Eligible Organizations

- Nonprofit organizations (501 (c) 3)
- Faith-Based organizations
- Public Entities (including non-COSA government agencies)

##### Additional Information on Eligibility

- Must have been in existence and actively producing programs that are open to the public in the City of San Antonio for a minimum of two years
- Must demonstrate agency and/or residents served have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19
- Services are intended to be targeted to serve noncitizens, including lawful permanent, undocumented, asylum-seeking, and refugee residents

#### Program Funding and Anticipated Awards: \$4 Million

The Department of Human Services is proposing two competitive processes for distribution of investments for nonprofit and social services organizations. The first phase of the plan is proposed to support immigrant serving organizations, through a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process in the amount of \$1.5 million for a term of two years.

A plan for the balance of the \$4 million allocation for social services non-profits of \$2.5 million will be brought to the Community Health Environment, and Culture Committee and City Council for approval at future meetings.

**Phase 1: Immigration Serving Organizations and Services - \$1.5 Million**

- Minimum award of \$100,000 over two-year contract term
- Allowable administrative rate of 30%

**Phase 2: Nonprofit and Social Services - \$2.5 Million**

- Minimum award of \$100,000 over two-year contract term
- Allowable administrative rate of 30%

## Stakeholder Engagement

The Department of Human Services and the City of San Antonio’s Immigration Liaison held three stakeholder feedback sessions from May 9– 20, 2022 attended by 31 immigrant serving organizations and key stakeholders. The purpose of these sessions was to share community and City Council input, gather suggestions on proposed funding priorities and goals, and finalize performance indicators.

**Participating Stakeholders:**

|   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| Academia America                              | Endeavors                                 | Refugee Services of Texas                |
| Alamo Colleges                                | Episcopal Diocese of West Texas           | San Antonio Food Bank                    |
| American Gateways                             | First Baptist Church of San Antonio       | San Antonio First Church of the Nazarene |
| American Organization for Immigrants          | Immigration Legal Resource Center         | San Antonio ISD                          |
| Arab American Community Network               | Interfaith Welcome Coalition              | Southwest ISD                            |
| Catholic Charities of San Antonio             | Justice for All Immigrants                | Texas Office of Refugees                 |
| Center for Refugee Services                   | Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services | UTHSA Nursing School                     |
| Church of Jesus Christ of Latter – Day Saints | Mandaeen Community of San Antonio         | The Young Center                         |
| City Church San Antonio                       | New Hope Connection                       | YWCA                                     |
| Corazon Ministries                            | Providencia Group                         |  |
| Culturingua                                   | RAICES                                    |  |

## Funding Priority Investments

### Immigration Serving Organizations and Programs:

Funding is proposed to support organizations and services that support noncitizens (includes but is not limited to permanent residents, undocumented, asylum seekers, and refugees)

| COVID – 19 Impact   | Strategy/Programs  | Equitable Outcomes  | Performance Indicators   |
|---|--|---|--|
| Address negative COVID – 19 impacts on economic security for noncitizens                        | Fund navigation and case management services to coordinate access to resources across providers, organizations, and agencies   | Families with Improved Financial Security                         | % Families enrolled in two or more resources   |
|   | Provide direct assistance to families in financial crisis (ex: households at risk of homelessness, unexpected financial hardship, etc.)  |   | % Families in financial crisis that are stabilized   |
|   | Connect noncitizens with enrollment assistance for public benefits for which they may be eligible  |   | % Families enrolled and accepted into public benefits programs   |
|   | Connect noncitizens who are legally eligible to work to training and employment opportunities  |   | % Enrolled individuals obtaining a better job within 90 days of program completion   |
| Address decreased opportunities for citizenship that have been adversely impacted by COVID – 19 | Provide outreach and education on immigration pathways   | Increased access to opportunities for improved immigration status | % Noncitizens who report increased understanding of legal rights   |
|   | Fund legal representation for immigrants at risk of deportation, including parents of U.S. Citizen children, crime victims, victims of domestic violence, trafficking victims, DACA eligible residents, and abused or neglected children |   | # Noncitizens who file an application for immigration benefits or relief<br>% Noncitizens who accept legal representation post screening interview |

## Request for Proposal Timeline

| DATE              | ACTION ITEM                                 |
|-------------------|---|
| June 2, 2022      | City Council A-Session Briefing             |
| June 6, 2022      | Request for Proposal Opens                  |
| June 17, 2022     | Pre-Submittal Conference                    |
| June 18 -23, 2022 | Training and Technical Assistance Workshops |
| June 24, 2022     | Last Day/Time for Questions                 |
| July 8, 2022      | Request for Proposal Closes                 |
| July 11-25, 2022  | Evaluation and Scoring                      |
| August 2022       | City Council A Session – Approval of Awards |
| September 2022    | Contracts Begin                             |

## No Contact Period

In accordance with §2-61 of the City Code, interested applicants are prohibited from communication regarding the Immigration Services RFP with City Officials and Employees during specific portions of the competitive process. The Department of Human Services, in line with prior competitive RFPs issued is recommending an abbreviated no contact period for City Officials as reflected below.

- **City Officials:** July 8, 2022 until the date the City Manager posts proposed awards for City Council consideration.
- **City Employees:** June 6, 2022 until the date proposed awards are approved by City Council.

## Scoring Criteria

- **Experience Background and Qualifications: 30 Points**
  - Agency experience
  - Financial management
  - History providing migrant services
- **Proposed Plan: 40 Points**
  - Demonstrate disproportionate COVID – 19 impacts to organization or residents
  - Alignment with proposed program strategies, outcomes, and performance indicators
  - Identify how support to organizations and residents assists them thrive long-term
  - Community collaboration
- **Budget and Budget Narrative: 20 Points**
  - Prior receipt of federal COVID -19 funding assistance
  - Leveraged agency resources
  - Capacity building investments
  - Long-term sustainability