American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State & Local Fiscal Recovery Fund

Youth, Senior Services, & Mental Health Implementation Plan Additional Investments

City Council A Session March 9, 2023

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Presentation Overview

- Briefing on recommendations from Public Safety and Community Health, Environmental, and Culture Committees on use of ARPA Funds for
 - Nonprofit Social Services (youth & senior serving organizations)
 - Youth Services
 - Senior Services
 - Mental Health Services
- Proposed solicitation process and timeline

Background



- On February 2 and February 9; City Council directed \$7.65 million in ARPA funding to Governance Committee for discussion:
 - Balance of \$3.75 million unallocated from competitive process
 - \$3.9 million from interest income and program balances

Governance Committee Action

Governance Committee action on February 15: \$7.65 Million allocated as follows:

- \$4.63 Million for Mental Health Services sent to Public Safety Committee to develop recommendations
- \$1.51 for Youth and Seniors sent to CHEC Committee for discussion
- \$1.49 Million for COVID-19 Construction
 Grants for small business added to on-going
 process that opened on February 13

Public Safety Committee Recommendation Mental Health Implementation Plan - \$4.63 Million

Youth aging out of foster care and at-risk youth Address increased mental health needs \$3 Million

Family Violence
Address increased 911
calls for Family Violence
\$1 Million

Harm Reduction
Address increased
substance use and
overdoses \$600,000

- Wrap around serviceshousing, employment, access to resources
- Mental health services
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- Navigation services
- Legal services
- Mental health services for families

- Increase access to Narcan
- Substance use treatment



CHEC Recommendation - \$1.67 Million* Nonprofit Social Services, Youth & Seniors Implementation Plans

Nonprofit Social Services



\$500,000

- COVID-19 Impact: Financial Hardship - Flexible Funding to Improve Operations
 - Restricted to Youth & Senior Serving Organizations

Youth Services



\$674,916

 COVID-19 Impact: Increased Homeless & Opportunity Youth

Seniors Services



- COVID-19 Impact: Increased Food & Resource Insecurity
- COVID-19 Impact: Increased Responsibility on Informal & Unpaid Caregivers

^{* \$159,471} was added from unallocated funds from Non-Profit Immigration Services Phase I for a total of \$1,674,916.

Competitive Solicitation Process

- Separate Solicitations:
 - Nonprofit Social Services, Youth & Senior Services
 - Mental Health Services
- Eligibility:
 - Nonprofit Organizations
 - Faith-Based Organizations
 - Public Entities (non-COSA)
 - Not previously received ARPA funds
- Scoring:
 - Experience, Background, & Qualifications 30 Points
 - Proposed Program Plan 50 Points
 - Budget 20 Points
 - Priority Small Organizations, Community Collaboration, Innovation & Continuity of Operations
- 2-year contract term (no renewal)



Timeline for Competitive Funding Processes

Human Services and Metro Health will release separate RFPs that will follow the same timeline



COVID Construction Recovery Grants

- \$2.25 Million original allocation from within ARPA Small Business Implementation Plan
 - \$1.49 Million added during February 15 Governance Committee meeting
- Awards range from \$10-35K
- Applications accepted February 13-28
- 218 total applications received
 - 13 of 15 eligible construction zones represented
- Review process underway with grant awards expected to begin in late March
- City Council to receive updates as review process progresses

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