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In Control: Economic and Workforce Development Committee Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Department of Human Services

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Melody Woosley

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Spending Framework – Investments for Youth.

SUMMARY:

This item provides a briefing on ARPA Spending Framework Investments for Youth including an update on community stakeholder meetings and timeline for the disbursement of funds for Youth Services.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

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 \$97.50 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.

Following a community engagement process, on January 26, 2022, staff presented a recommended spending framework reflecting the 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 \$10 million dedicated to support Youth.

In April 2022, the Department of Human Services presented to the Economic and Workforce Development Committee (EWDC) current Youth investments and review the feedback received by City Council in March 2022. At this meeting the EWDC provided preliminary feedback on priorities for Youth Services investments.

ISSUE:

The Department of Human Services (DHS) will provide an update to the EWDC on community engagement conducted with youth service providers and stakeholders regarding the COVID-19 impact on youth, strategies to address the impact, and equitable outcomes. Input sessions with youth will be completed by early June.

DHS has also conducted research and gathered feedback from the community on the impact of COVID-19 on foster youth and teen mental health (coordinated with Metro Health). These reports will also inform development of recommended strategies, funding priorities, and performance metrics.

Staff will request EWDC and full City Council approval of the implementation plan in August 2022 and recommends issuing a joint ARPA Request for Proposals for Youth Services, Senior Services, and Nonprofit/Investments by September 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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