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In Control: Community Health, Environment and Culture Committee

DEPARTMENT: Department of Human Services

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Melody Woosley

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Spending Framework – Impactful Investments for Nonprofits and Social Services

SUMMARY:

This item provides background on current City of San Antonio Department of Human Services investments and requests Community Health, Environment and Culture Committee feedback on investment priorities for ARPA Spending Framework Nonprofit and Social Services investments.

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.

On October 20, 2021, City Council was briefed and presented with a potential spending framework, strategic guiding principles, and a community input plan for the use of the ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. In November 2021, the City engaged in an extensive and multi-strategy community engagement process to obtain feedback on the use of the ARPA Funds. On December 9, 2021, based on community feedback, City Council identified key spending priorities which funding to support impactful investments. 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.

ISSUE:

On February 3, 2022, City Council approved a spending framework for the use of \$199.4 million in State and Local Recovery Funds received under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

The approved spending framework included \$100.2 million in impactful investments with \$87.8 million recommended for programmatic funding in the areas of Mental Health - \$26 million, Youth - \$10 million, Digital Inclusion/Literacy - \$6.9 million, Arts - \$5 million, Seniors - \$5 million, and Nonprofit and Social Services - \$4 million.

City Council Committees were identified to provide investment recommendations to City staff for the use of designated funding. The Community Health, Environment and Culture Committee has been identified as the appropriate committee to provide feedback on impactful investments for Nonprofits and Social Services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City of San Antonio was awarded \$326.9 million in State and local Fiscal Recovery Funds of which partial payment was received in May 2021 with remaining funds anticipated to be received in May 2022. The City of San Antonio received the first half in the amount of \$163.45 million in May 2021 and is expected to receive the second half in May 2022.

The approved spending framework approved \$100.2 million in impactful investments with \$87.8 million recommended for programmatic funding in the areas of Mental Health, Youth, Digital Inclusion/Literacy, Arts, Seniors, Small Business, and Non-Profits.

These funds must be obligated by December 2024 and spent by December 2026. No impact to the general fund.

ALTERNATIVES:

This item is for discussion purposes only.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for discussion purposes only.