



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

File Number:
{{item.tracking_number}}

Agenda Item Number: 3

Agenda Date: May 26, 2022

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 related to Immigration Services.

SUMMARY:

This item requests approval of a proposed plan for the use of ARPA funds for Nonprofits and Social Services related to Immigration Services investments, distribution plan, and criteria for funding.

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 \$4 million dedicated to support nonprofit and social services.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) presented to the Community Health, Environment and Culture Committee (CHECC) on April 12, 2022, and May 10, 2022 current investments on non-profit organizations and spending priorities provided by the City Council in March 2022. At these meetings DHS requested feedback from the CHECC Committee on the use of ARPA funds for social services non-profits.

Based on CHECC guidance, DHS is proposing a plan to support immigrant serving organizations 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 CHECC committee at a future meeting.

ISSUE:

The Department of Human Services (DHS) will present a proposed plan to support immigrant serving organizations in the amount of \$1.5 million for a term of two years for CHECC approval. If this plan is approved, DHS plans to take this plan to the City Council for consideration on June 2, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT:

DHS is proposing release of a competitive RFP for the use of ARPA funds for Nonprofits and Social Services for Immigrant Services in the amount of \$1.5 million over two years.

ALTERNATIVES:

As an alternative, allocated funding could be awarded through a larger competitive process later this year.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends CHECC approval of the proposed plan to move forward to the City Council for consideration at the June 2 “A” Session.