

City of San Antonio

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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:

This item provides an update on development and timeline for distribution of the ARPA Senior Services Implementation Plan to address the impact of COVID – 19.

SUMMARY:

On February 3, 2022, City Council approved the spending framework for State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds received by the City of San Antonio under ARPA. This framework included \$5 million to support older adults in recovery from COVID – 19. This item provides an update on development of an implementation plan, timeline, and proposed distribution of allocated funding.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately impacted older adults, particularly related to their health, including higher risks of hospitalizations, complications, and potential long-term health related issues. The pandemic has also had a significant negative impact on older adult's socially,

emotionally, and financially which limits their ability to effectively recover.

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On April 12, 2022, and May 10, 2022, the Community Health, Environment, and Culture Committee (CHEC) received a briefing on the impact of COVID – 19 on older adults, community feedback received through the City of San Antonio's ARPA process, and additional targeted stakeholder input.

ISSUE:

The Department of Human Services is proposing a competitive process to distribute \$5\$ million in ARPA funding to support older adults in recovery from COVID - 19.

A full implementation plan will be brought to the CHEC and City Council in August 2022 for approval of the distribution plan, targeted priorities and equitable outcomes, timeline, and key performance indicators.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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