



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Human Services

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Melody Woosley

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

This ordinance will approve the implementation plans for the distribution of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for Non-Profit Social Services (Phase II), Senior Services, and Youth Services to mitigate the impact of COVID -19 and establish criteria for funding.

**SUMMARY:**

This ordinance will authorize Implementation Plans for distribution by the Department of Human Services of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to San Antonio non-profit social services, senior services, and youth services organizations to mitigate the impact of COVID -19 and will establish criteria for the award of such funds. On February 3, 2022, the City Council allocated \$19 million in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for Non-Profit Social Services, Senior Services, and Youth Services.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

On February 3, 2022, the City Council approved the spending framework for State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) received by the City of San Antonio under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). This framework included \$4 million for Non-Profit Social Services, \$5 million for Senior Services, and \$10 million for Youth Services.

From April – June, the Community Health, Environment and Culture Committee (CHECC) received briefings on the impact of COVID – 19 on non-profit and social services and senior services organizations and residents, and feedback from the community and stakeholders. Through these meetings it was determined to carry out the \$4 million for Non-Profit Social Services in two phases. Phase I consists of a focus on Immigration Services totaling \$1.5 million, and Phase II is designated for Non-Profit Social Services totaling \$2.5 million. The implementation plan for Phase I and associated criteria for distribution was approved by CHECC on May 26, 2022, and the City Council on June 2, 2022. The implementation plan for Non-Profit Social Services (Phase II) and Senior Services was approved by CHECC on August 9, 2022.

The Economic and Workforce Development Committee (EWDC) received briefings on the impact of COVID – 19 on youth and youth serving organizations, current investments, and community feedback April 26, 2022 and May 24, 2022. The EWDC approved the Youth Services Implementation Plan on June 24, 2022.

Attached to this agenda memo are the recommended implementation plans for distribution of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to San Antonio non-profit and social services, senior services and youth services organizations, including criteria for the award of such funds.

#### **ISSUE:**

The Department of Human Services will utilize the implementation plans for the distribution of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to mitigate the impact of the COVID – 19 Pandemic. The distribution of funds will provide \$17.5 million in grants to local organizations. The proposed application process will include key equitable outcome and performance indicators.

The Department of Human Services will return to CHECC, EWDC, and the City Council for approval of proposed awards following the competitive funding process.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

Should the City Council choose to not approve this item, the Department of Human Services will collect feedback from the City Council and make updates to the proposed implementation plans for future consideration.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The remaining allocation for the implementation plans is a total of \$17.5 million, which includes \$2.5 million for Non-Profit Social Services, \$5 million for Senior Services, and \$10 million for Youth Services. These allocations are from the ARPA SLFRF Spending Framework, which was approved by the City Council on February 3, 2022. Funds are available from the City's State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

There is no impact to the General Fund.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the implementation plans for the distribution of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Phase for Non-Profit Social Services (Phase II), Senior Services, and Youth Services for the distribution of funding to area organizations, including criteria for such funds.