



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

**File Number:**  
**{{item.tracking\_number}}**

---

**Agenda Item Number:** 2

**Agenda Date:** September 27, 2022

**In Control:** Head Start Policy Council Meeting

---

**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Human Services

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Melody Woosley

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Correspondence- ACF-IM-HS-22-05 Office of Head Start Guidance for Use of Funds Appropriated in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) (Pub. L. 117-2); Accompaniment to ACF-IOAS-DCL-22-01

**SUMMARY:**

This item presents the following from the Department of Human Services (DHS) Head Start, Early Head Start, and Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership programs for action by the Head Start Policy Council.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The purpose of this Information Memorandum (IM) is to provide an overview and guidance on funds made available through the ARP. President Biden signed Public Law 117-2, the American Rescue Plan Act, 2021 (ARP), into law on March 11, 2021. The \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan includes \$1 billion for Head Start programs. All Head Start, Early Head Start, and Early Head

Start-Child Care (EHS-CC) Partnership grant recipients are eligible to receive additional funds proportionally based on funded enrollment levels. When combined with the \$750 million in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the \$250 million in supplemental funds in the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act, the Head Start program has received a total of \$2 billion in additional funding to support staff, children, and families during this unprecedented time. ARP funds must be obligated by September 30, 2022, including for federal administrative expenses.

**ISSUE:**

Rules and regulations for the Head Start, Early Head Start, and Early Start-Child Care Partnership grants as set forth by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) require the Head Start Policy Council to review programmatic actions to oversee certain key responsibilities.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no anticipated impact to the general fund as a result of these actions.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The review of the items included in this memorandum are required for program compliance with U.S. Department of Health and Human Services rules and regulations for Head Start, Early Head Start, and Early Head Start- Child Care Partnership programs.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff will present a briefing on this item subject to possible action by the HSPC Committee. Staff recommends review and approval of the items included in this memorandum.