



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Date: February 21, 2023

In Control: Public Safety Committee

DEPARTMENT: Health Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Claude Jacob

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Spending Framework – Mental Health

SUMMARY:

The Metro Health Department will provide an update on mental health programs funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and the Public Safety Committee will discuss investment priorities for the use of \$4.6 million in ARPA funds.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On February 2, 2023 the City Council approved contract awards in the amount of \$36.40 million to 59 agencies recommended from a competitive process for Mental Health Services, Non-Profit Social Services, Senior Services, and Youth Services. A balance of \$3.75 million was unallocated from this competitive process and the City Council directed this balance to the Governance Committee for discussion.

Additionally, on February 8, 2023 the City Council was provided an update on the COVID-19 Recovery & Resiliency Plan and ARPA SLFRF Program. At this presentation, the City Council was made aware that \$3.9 million was available to be allocated from interest income and program balances. The City Council directed this balance also be discussed at the February 15 Governance Committee meeting.

At the February 15 Governance Committee meeting, after discussion and consideration of the Staff recommendations, the Governance Committee took the following actions:

A) \$3,749,741 balance from competitive process for mental health, youth and seniors sent back to the respective committees who developed the implementation plans for further discussion with an amendment that moved the balance in the Youth Category to the CHEC Committee.

B) \$2,403,896 balance recommended for Non-Profit Agencies was amended to be divided equally and sent to the Public Safety and CHEC Committees.

The table below reflects these two actions. The recommendations from the Committees will be presented to the City Council for consideration once their work is completed.

Council Committees	Spending Category	Amount from Competitive Process	Amount added from ARPA balances	Total
Public Safety	Mental Health	\$3,436,244	\$1,201,948	\$4,638,192
CHEC	Youth and Seniors	313,497	1,201,948	1,515,445
	Total	\$3,749,741	\$2,403,896	\$6,153,637

C) \$1,498,462 for COVID-19 Construction Grants for Small Businesses was approved to be added to the on-going application process that opened this past Monday February 13.

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ISSUE:

At the February 21 Public Safety Committee, the Metro Health Department will provide a presentation outlining the Mental Health investments made with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) funds and options for the Committee's discussion on the use of \$4.6 million in ARPA funds.

Mental Health investment priorities will incorporate the following elements:

1. Identifies a COVID-19 impact
2. Includes programs/ strategies that will benefit community members affected by the impact identified in Step 1
3. Defines desired equitable outcomes with metrics to measure those outcomes

4. Provides a not-to-exceed, 2-year implementation plan

FISCAL IMPACT:

This item does not have a fiscal impact on City funds.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Committee may choose investment priorities that address the negative impacts of COVID-19 on mental health.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Metro Health Department will provide an update on mental health programs funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and the Public Safety Committee will discuss investments priorities for the use of \$4.6 million in ARPA funds.