

AMENDMENT NO. 3
TO TRANSPORTATION SERVICE CONTRACT
SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE AND NORTHWEST VALLEY CONNECT

THIS AMENDMENT NO. 3 to the Transportation Service Contract service agreement is made and entered into this 16 day of May, 2023, by and between the City of El Mirage, an Arizona municipal corporation (“City”), and Northwest Valley Connect, an Arizona nonprofit corporation, on behalf of itself (“Contractor”).

RECITALS

- A. WHEREAS, City of El Mirage entered into an agreement with Northwest Valley Connect commencing on July 1, 2020, for the City’s dial-a-ride transportation services (“Agreement”) for an initial contract period of twelve (12) months, until June 30, 2021.
- B. WHEREAS, the Agreement provides for two (2) additional two (2)-year extension periods in accordance with Section 3.1, TERM AND EXTENSION of the Agreement.
- C. WHEREAS, City desires to exercise the second two (2)-year period to extend the Agreement until June 30, 2026.
- D. The City of El Mirage is authorized and empowered by provisions of the City Code to execute agreements for professional services by and through its City Manager;

AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and obligations set forth herein, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. In accordance with Section 3.1, TERM AND EXTENSION of the Agreement, the term of the Agreement shall be extended an additional two (2) years through June 30, 2026.
2. All terms, conditions and provisions of the Agreement shall remain unchanged and apply during the renewal period unless otherwise amended. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Amendment as of the date and year first set forth above.

[SIGNATURES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE]

CITY OF EL MIRAGE

CONSULTANT:

J. Crystal Dyches
By: J. Crystal Dyches
Its: City Manager

By: Brian Bell
Print Name

By: Brian M. Bell
Signature

Its: Executive Director
Title

ATTEST:

Sharon Antes
Sharon Antes, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Justin Pierce
Justin Pierce, City Attorney

EXHIBIT "A" Addendum

NORTHWEST VALLEY CONNECT

Cost Estimate FY 23-24

The cost estimate for FY23-24 includes an increase in accessible trip cost due to fuel and driver pay increases and to the senior bus program to include an extra run when there are more than two clients who use wheelchairs.

A) 1,826 Estimated Accessible Trips

1 to 7 miles (1,800 estimated annual trips) \$ 36 per trip x 1,800 = \$64,800

8 to 15 miles (20 estimated annual trips) \$ 48 per trip x 20 = \$960

16 to 25 miles (6 estimated annual trips) \$60 per trip x 6 = \$360

26 miles plus Negotiable – not to be included in cost proposal.

Total Annual Estimated Cost of accessible Trips \$66,120

B) 4,000 Authorized Rideshare Provider Trips = \$74,000

Total Annual Administrative Fees \$7.50 per trip x 4,000 = \$30,000

Total Annual Cost of Rideshare Provider Trips \$104,000

C) Senior Bus Program – 2,000 Estimated Annual Trips

Monthly Fee \$1,911 per month x 12 = \$22,932

Total Annual Cost of Senior Bus Program \$22,932

D) Senior Center Group Trips

\$250 per trip (4-6 hours) x 2 per month x 12 months = \$6,000

Total Annual Cost for Senior Center Group Trips \$6,000

Total Annual Cost Proposal (A + B + C+ D) \$199,052

Riders will be charged \$2 for each one-way trip and consultant will be responsible for billing the rider. The City of El Mirage will keep all fare charges.



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

DATE SUBMITTED: 05/01/2023	TYPE OF ACTION: Contract	SUBJECT: Consideration and action to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Northwest Valley Connect (NVC), a nonprofit 501(C)3, for local Dial-a-Ride transit services for FY23-24 in an amount not to exceed \$199,052. (Community Services)
DATE ACTION REQUESTED: 05/16/2023		
AGENDA SECTION: Consent		

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Autumn Grooms, Grants and Special Programs Administrator

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Northwest Valley Connect (NVC), a nonprofit 501 (c) 3, for local Dial-a-Ride transit services for FY23-25.

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Northwest Valley Connect as presented.

BACKGROUND:

The City of El Mirage is excited to again partner with Northwest Valley Connect to provide local Dial-a-Ride transit services for FY23-24. Riders must be a minimum age of 65 or have a disability to use Dial-A-Ride service for local trips. Northwest Valley Connect will be using Uber, Lyft, and accessible vans to provide service for citizens. The total cost for FY23-24 is \$199,052. The City will use American Rescue Plan Act funds to pay for this service.

BUDGETED: Yes

SUFFICIENT FUNDS: Yes

CIP: No

MULTI-YEAR: No

Fiscal Impact

AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$199,052

FISCAL YEAR: FY23-24

ACCOUNT TO BE CHARGED: 147-5-3581-418

Attachments

FY23-24 Transportation Services Contract

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE
EL MIRAGE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10000 N. EL MIRAGE ROAD
6:00 PM - TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023**

PLEASE NOTE: Council meetings are open to the public, however social distancing and optional mask wearing will continue for the safety of all. Public access to this meeting is available online by clicking [here](#) or by dialing 480-561-6082 followed by entering the Conference ID number 852 594 443#. Once you are connected, please place yourself on mute.

Members of the El Mirage City Council will attend either in person or by telephone conference call. Note: The Common Council of the City of El Mirage, by a duly passed motion, may vote in public session to adjourn to executive session on any agenda item in conformation with A.R.S. Section 38.431.03 including legal advice from the City Attorney.

Agenda

1. ROLL CALL

Mayor Alexis Hermosillo
Councilmember Roy Delgado
Councilmember Bob Jones
Councilmember Donna Winston

Vice Mayor David Shapera
Councilmember Monica Dorcey
Councilmember Anita Norton

2. CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence

3. PROCLAMATION

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| 1. | To proclaim May 21-27, 2023 as Emergency Medical Services Week in the City of El Mirage. (Fire) | No
Action |
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4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Citizens desiring to speak on any issue within the jurisdiction of the public body may do so at this time. Comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes per person and shall be addressed to the City Council as a whole. At the conclusion of the Call to the Public, individual City Council Members may (1) respond to criticism made by those who have spoken, (2) direct staff to review or follow up on the matter, and/or (3) direct that the matter be put on a future agenda.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under the Consent Agenda will be voted on with one motion. If discussion is desired regarding any Consent Agenda Item, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and voted on separately.

1. Consideration and action to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held Tuesday, April 18, 2023. (City Clerk)
Motion carried unanimously - (7/0) Approved
2. Consideration and action to approve the destruction of municipal documents that have reached the end of their retention period as authorized under A.R.S. § 41-151.19. (City Clerk)
Motion carried unanimously - (7/0) Approved
3. Consideration and action to approve a one-year purchase agreement with Skillsoft for IT training for an amount not to exceed \$600 (\$537.42 plus approximate sales tax of \$52.58). (Information Technology)
Motion carried unanimously - (7/0) Approved
4. Consideration and action to enter into a construction contract with Combs Construction Company to reconstruct Dysart Road and the south half of Olive Avenue for an amount of \$16,474,578, plus a 10% contingency of \$1,647,458 and authorize the Finance Department to increase the project budget to \$20,868,500 and reduce the Special Projects Fund Other Financing Uses line item by the amount needed to budget for this project fully. (Development Services)
This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda, discussed and voted on as Regular Agenda Item 6.1.A
Motion carried unanimously - (7/0) Moved and Approved
5. Consideration and action to enter into a Professional Services Contract with EPS Group for the construction management of the Dysart Road Improvement project in the amount of \$645,580 and authorize the Finance Department to make any necessary transfers. (Development Services)
Motion carried unanimously - (7/0) Approved
6. Consideration and action to approve the purchase of two vehicles from Peoria Ford in an amount not to exceed \$71,239 as part of CIP #62302. (Public Works)
Motion carried unanimously - (7/0) Approved
7. Consideration and action to approve the purchase of a vehicle from Peoria Ford in an amount not to exceed \$46,448 as part of CIP #62103. (Public Works)
Motion carried unanimously - (7/0) Approved
8. Consideration and action to approve the purchase of a vehicle from Peoria Ford in an amount not to exceed \$46,448 as part of CIP #62036. (Public Works)
Motion carried unanimously - (7/0) Approved
9. Consideration and action to approve the purchase of a skid steer loader and attachments from Bingham Equipment Company in an amount not to exceed \$53,023.75 as part of CIP #62304. (Public Works)
Motion carried unanimously - (7/0) Approved
10. Consideration and action to approve a contract with Woodruff Construction to provide remodeling services to the Senior Center facility at 14010 N. El Mirage Road for an amount not to exceed \$52,648.55 and authorize the Finance Department to make any necessary transfers. (Public Works)
Motion carried unanimously - (7/0) Approved

11. Consideration and action to approve Resolution R23-05-12 replacing Resolution R22-06-16, Approved stating the intended uses of the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) allotment through the American Rescue Plan Act. (Administration)
Motion carried unanimously - (7/0)

6. **REGULAR AGENDA**

1. Consideration and action for a Public Hearing, closure of public hearing, to maintain City Code Chapter 111. PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS, in compliance with Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 9-842. (Administration/Police) Approved
Motion carried unanimously - (7/0)
2. Public Hearing, closure of Public Hearing followed by consideration and action to approve Resolution R23-05-11 setting water and wastewater rates or rate components, fees or service charges. (Administration) Approved
Motion carried unanimously - (7/0)
3. Consideration and action to approve Resolution R23-05-13 setting miscellaneous fees and service charges for FY 2023/24. Approved
Motion carried unanimously - (7/0)
4. Consideration and action to approve Ordinance O23-05-09 amending City Code Chapter 33, Section § 33.40 (A)(B)(C) COURT ENHANCEMENT AND SECURITY FEE, and CITY COURT ENHANCEMENT AND SECURITY FUND, by removing reference to a specific dollar amount and changing assessment of fees to per charge instead of per case to align with the updated 2023 Fee Schedule. (Court/Administration) Approved
Motion carried unanimously - (7/0)
5. Consideration and action to recommend and appoint Phil Bueno to fill a Commissioner vacancy on the Planning & Zoning Commission with a term that expires June 30, 2027 and appoint Cornelia Nelson to fill an Alternate Commissioner vacancy on the Planning & Zoning Commission with a term that expires June 30, 2027. (Commission Review Board - Mayor Hermosillo, Councilmembers Norton and Shapera) Approved
Motion carried unanimously - (7/0)

7. **CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS & SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

The City Council may not act upon any matter in the City Manager's summary but may have general comment or questions.

8. **MAYOR'S COMMENTS and COUNCIL SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

The Mayor and City Council may not discuss or act upon any matter in the summary unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Accommodations for Individuals with Disabilities - Alternative format materials, sign language interpretation, assistive listening devices or interpretation in languages other than English are available upon 72 hours advance notice through the Office of the City Clerk, 10000 N El Mirage Road, El Mirage, Arizona, (623) 876-2943, TDD (623)933-3258, or FAX (623) 876-4603. To the extent possible, additional reasonable accommodations will be made available within the time constraints of the request.

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING - CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 2, 2023

I hereby certify that this agenda was posted by 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at the following locations: 1) the City of El Mirage Exterior Bulletin Board at 10000 N. El Mirage Road, and 2) the City of El Mirage website [at www.elmirageaz.gov](http://www.elmirageaz.gov).


Sharon Antes, City Clerk



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

DATE SUBMITTED: 04/19/2023	TYPE OF ACTION: Resolution	SUBJECT: Consideration and action to approve Resolution R23-05-12 replacing Resolution R22-06-16, stating the intended uses of the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) allotment through the American Rescue Plan Act. (Administration) <i>Motion carried unanimously - (7/0)</i>
DATE ACTION REQUESTED: 05/02/2023		
AGENDA SECTION: Consent		

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Crystal Dyches, City Manager

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution R23-05-12 replacing Resolution R22-06-16.

PROPOSED MOTION:

I move to approve Resolution R23-05-12, stating the intended uses of the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds allotment through the American Rescue Plan Act.

BACKGROUND:

The City of El Mirage received \$11,940,792 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) from the ARP Act. Resolution R23-05-12 updates and restates the intended uses of the SLFRF allotment. These funds must be obligated by December 2024 and spent by December 2026.

Attachments

- R23-05-12
- City Council Memo - ARPA Update

RESOLUTION R23-05-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, REPLACING RESOLUTION R-22-06-16 AND R21-09-22 STATING THE INTENDED USES OF THE STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS ALLOTMENT THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT.

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the United States Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which provides fiscal relief to State and Local Governments and other program areas aimed at mitigating the continuing effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, American Rescue Plan Act is intended to provide support to local governments in responding to the impact of the pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, American Rescue Plan Act includes Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to support urgent COVID response efforts to decrease the spread of the virus; to replace lost public sector revenue to strengthen support for vital public services; to support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses; and to address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to unequal impacts of the pandemic on certain populations; and,

WHEREAS, the City of El Mirage, as the recipient, accepts the award of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds of \$11,940,792; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Mirage has its full distribution of funds; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Treasury has adopted the Final Rule as guidance regarding the use of American Rescue Plan Act Funds; and,

WHEREAS, this Resolution is intended as a statement of intent of the Council to expend the City's American Rescue Plan Act Funds in accordance with Federal Law and guidance for the current critical needs and priorities for which there is consensus as set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of El Mirage:

- 1) Authorize the City Manager, subject to provision 7 of this Resolution, to spend funds in compliance with the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and in accordance with guidance from the U.S. Department of Treasury for the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery.
- 2) Expenditure of Lost Revenue on Governmental Services. It is the intent of the Council that funds from Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds be prioritized and expended for governmental services as follows:
 - a) Northern Parkway Corridor
 - b) Technology and Communication Upgrades
 - c) Public Safety Personnel
 - d) Public Safety Equipment
 - e) Community Services Personnel
 - f) Emergency Operations Center
 - g) Drainage Channel Multi-use Trail

- 3) Expenditure for Public Health and Safety Measures and Negative Economic Impacts from the Pandemic. It is the intent of the Council that funds from Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds be prioritized and expended as follows:
 - a) Homelessness Outreach
 - b) Police Neighborhood Enforcement Team
 - c) Senior Meals
 - d) Transit
 - e) Utility and Housing Assistance
 - f) Senior Bus Transportation
- 4) Take all necessary actions to apply for and receive funds for which the City is eligible from state and federal sources.
- 5) Account for funds in the amount of \$11,940,792, which was received in two tranches with 50% in 2021 and 50% in 2022.
- 6) Establish appropriations in an amount equal to funds received.
- 7) Transfer appropriations, expenses, and/or cash between funds established for the Coronavirus recovery response.
- 8) Execute any agreements necessary to receive Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.
- 9) Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed as superseding any action otherwise required by the City Council to authorize the City Manager to enter into requisite contracts associated with expenditures outlined above.
- 10) That this Resolution shall be effective at the soonest date after its passage and approval, according to law.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council this 2nd day of May 2023.

Alexis Hermosillo, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Sharon Antes, City Clerk

Justin Pierce, City Attorney

MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: CITY MANAGER J. CRYSTAL DYCHES

SUBJECT: STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS (SLFRF)

DATE: MAY 2, 2023

BACKGROUND:

The City of El Mirage received \$11,940,792 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) from the ARP Act. These funds must be obligated by December 2024 and spent by December 2026.

In September 2021, the City Council adopted Resolution R21-09-22 stating the intended uses of the SLFRF allotment. In January 2022, the US Department of Treasury released the Final Rule. Changes were made in many areas of the rule and guidance, including broadening the set of eligible uses for public health response; and clarifying that reasonably proportional capital expenditure may be allowable. Most significantly, the final rule presented a simpler option by permitting local governments to choose a "standard allowance" for lost revenue of \$10 million for the lifetime of their grant. The provisions in this final rule were effective April 1, 2022. Based on the Final Rule, Resolution R22-06-16 replaced R21-09-22 in June 2022.

RECOMMENDED CHANGES:

Resolution R23-05-12 has been drafted for your consideration. It updates and restates the intended uses of the SLFRF allotment. Staff anticipates all spending of these funds to be complete by the end of FY24.

The primary changes to the recommended intended uses of SLFRF include the following:

- The inclusion of the Drainage Channel Multi-Use Trail, Community Services personnel costs, and message boards.
- The exclusion of the Home Repair Program, fire truck, second senior bus, and gunshot sensors.

Items identified for funding within this updated memo have adjusted their allocations to reflect actual spending during FY22 and future spending throughout the grant. The allocation overage has also been reduced to allow for continued flexibility but remaining accountable as the City completes this funding award; all unspent balances will be evaluated for reallocation.

Outside of the \$10 million standard allowance that the City is able to claim for revenue loss, staff has identified the following qualifying projects for the remaining \$1,940,792:

- Homelessness Outreach
- Police Neighborhood Enforcement Team
- Senior Meals
- Transit
- Utility, Rent and Mortgage Assistance
- Senior Bus

Northern Parkway Corridor

The Northern Parkway project extends 12.5 miles between Loop 303 and US 60 in northwestern Maricopa County. When completed, Northern Parkway will be a high-capacity, limited-access roadway with overpasses at major intersections. The project is a partnership between Maricopa County, the Cities of El Mirage, Glendale, and Peoria, and the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG). Alternative funding sources for The Northern Parkway project are limited; this project would require payment from the general fund if not paid for with the ARPA allocation.

FY23 Allocation	FY24 Allocation	Total
\$500,000	\$5,475,500	\$5,975,500

City Council Chamber Technology Upgrade

The Council Chambers were built with City Hall in 2016. Live, remote meetings were not considered in the design. A technology update is needed to accommodate Council's request to video record/live stream City Council Meetings. The upgrade will enhance sound and make the room usable for other types of meetings that do not use the dais.

FY23 Allocation	Total
\$70,000	\$70,000

Police Neighborhood Enforcement Team (NET)

The NET community policing team was hired to directly respond to the ongoing gun violence emergency associated with the pandemic and build a safer, healthier El Mirage community. Funding includes one (1) Police Sergeant and three (3) Police Officers, along with four (4) police vehicles and equipment. These staff positions were created with the initial ARPA award allocation. When all ARPA funds have been applied, the City will utilize general fund dollars to fund these positions.

FY22 Allocation	FY23 Allocation	FY24 Allocation	Total
\$352,214	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$1,652,214

Senior Meals

Funding provides approximately twenty-five (25) meals each day to seniors in El Mirage. These meals will be served at the El Mirage Senior Center. This meets the funding criteria of responding to the negative economic impacts of the public health emergency by assisting with food.

FY22 Allocation	FY23 Allocation	FY24 Allocation	FY25 Allocation	Total
\$41,104	\$49,000	\$49,000	\$0	\$139,104

Police Officer Attrition

This funding maintains staffing levels at the El Mirage Police Department due to pandemic-related retirements and increased gun violence. The budget includes a Police Lieutenant position and three (3) Police Officer positions. These staff positions were created with the initial ARPA award allocation. When all ARPA funds have been applied, the City will utilize general fund dollars to fund these positions.

FY22 Allocation	FY23 Allocation	FY24 Allocation	Total
\$455,633	\$550,000	\$550,000	\$1,555,663

Paramedic/Firefighter

This includes two (2) Firefighters/Paramedics positions. These firefighters/ paramedics administer vaccines and assist with the public health emergency due to the pandemic. These staff positions were created with the initial ARPA award allocation. When all ARPA funds have been applied, the City will utilize general fund dollars to fund these positions.

FY22 Allocation	FY23 Allocation	FY24 Allocation	Total
\$48,733	\$185,000	\$185,000	\$418,733

Emergency Operations Center

This communication project will assist in responding to specific pandemic-related public health needs. This funding will change the audiovisual components in the Fire Station community room that also functions as the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC). This project is a one-time expense.

FY24 Allocation	Total
\$65,000	\$65,000

Utility, Rent, and Mortgage Assistance

The COVID-19 pandemic intensified an already existing housing crisis. ARPA funds have allowed for the funding of emergency residential rental, mortgage, and utility assistance, including electric and City utilities for those who do not qualify for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). The Community Action Program (CAP) Office will use available CAP funding and then turn to CSLFRF funds. The City will use 80 to 100% Area Median Income (AMI) for these funds based on qualifications used during the pandemic. The funding allocation includes a half-time staff position with the City of Surprise to help administer the funding that will work at the El Mirage CAP office.

El Mirage residents have demonstrated the need for a part-time staff member through increased walk-ins and requests for assistance with applications. CAP staff has successfully utilized other assistance first, so the FY22 funding allocation was reduced based on use. When all ARPA funds have been applied, the Council will need to consider if this program will continue and how it will be funded.

FY22 Allocation	FY23 Allocation	FY24 Allocation	Total
\$6,705	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$96,705

Drainage Channel Multi-use Trail

The City will use Maricopa County CDBG-CV funding to complete a multi-use trail through the drainage channel from Dysart to Cactus Road, contingent on additional funding from Maricopa County. This trail will be wide enough for social distancing and increased recreation opportunities during a future pandemic.

	FY23 Allocation	Total
	195,000	\$195,000

Phoenix Rescue Mission

Funding addresses the housing or health needs of people experiencing homelessness. The City contracts with Phoenix Rescue Mission for homeless outreach, navigation, and wrap-around support services for the City's homeless population, including veterans and those with PTSD. The program will be beneficial for people without housing. It will assist our Police Department and Community Services staff in meeting the needs of those in our community experiencing homelessness, which has increased due to the pandemic. This program was created with the initial ARPA award allocation. When all ARPA funds have been applied, the Council will need to consider if this program will continue and how it will be funded.

FY22 Allocation	FY23 Allocation	FY24 Allocation	Total
\$11,184	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$71,184

Transit

The City has seen an increase in the use of paratransit and dial-a-ride as residents return from pandemic lifestyles; and has used additional services provided with these funds during the pandemic to ensure our disabled and elderly residents were able to have access to groceries, medical appointments, and work. As we transition, this has included providing access to vaccine appointments. This program has seen increased participation during the pandemic and received an ARPA award allocation in addition to its grant funding to meet service needs. This has also included purchasing new buses to maintain social distancing. When all ARPA funds have been applied, Council will need to consider how the program will be funded.

Note: Transportation within the City has increased. Inflation costs have affected the purchase price of buses.

	FY22 Allocation	FY23 Allocation	FY24 Allocation	Total
Dial-A-Ride	\$143,920	\$201,491	\$201,491	\$546,902
Senior Bus		\$87,000		\$87,000

Library Expansion for Workforce Development

Funding was used to add an addition of 1,100 sq. ft. to the El Mirage Library renovation. This addition provides broadband and computer access to residents, specifically focusing on those who lost jobs due to the pandemic. The employment-focused computer and broadband community room have stations that provide job site search engines, resume builders, free email sites, and access to popular online interview and meeting sites such as Zoom, Skype, and Microsoft Teams to increase access to these tools for community members. There is also space for quiet interviews for those who need to do online interviews but lack a home computer or privacy. This was a one-time expense.

	FY22 Allocation	Total
	\$428,192	\$428,192

Message Board Purchase

The City has seen an increased need to communicate with the public. Purchasing two boards will allow the City additional opportunities to communicate directly with residents along roadways. A three-line message sign can display highly legible, ultra-bright LEDs to display our messages. Multiple programming options will provide flexibility for numerous applications in a public health emergency. This is a one-time purchase.

FY23 Allocation	Total
\$41,000	\$41,000

Community Services Wages

The Community Services team responds directly to the ongoing pandemic and public health crisis to build a safer, healthier El Mirage community. Programming within this division includes homeless services, grant management, program development, El Mirage Senior Center, and Special Events. Funding is for the Division's Manager, Grant Writer, Special Events Coordinator, and part-time Program Assistants. When all ARPA funds have been applied, the City will utilize general fund dollars to fund these positions.

FY23 Allocation	FY24 Allocation	Total
\$412,000	\$430,000	\$842,000