

AGENDA ITEM BRIEFING

Commissioners Court – November 02, 2021

AI Number: 83230

Information: Requesting approval of memorandum for the Boys and Girls Club of Pharr community service program.

Description of AI: Approval of memorandum

Funding Source: American Rescue Plan Fund

Account No.: 1-1290-441-XX-115-101-1-XXX

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Department: Budget & Management

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Background:

Boys and Girls Club of Pharr would provide community service programs intended to alleviate the immediate economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and housing insecurity, while addressing conditions that contributed to poor public health and economic outcome during the pandemic

On May 10, 2021 the U.S. Department of the Treasury announced the launch of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, to provide \$350 billion in emergency funding for state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments. It allows recipients to use funds for revenue replacement due to reduction in revenue as a result of COVID-19.

Compliance:

The Purchasing Department followed compliance with Texas Local Government Code 262.024(2), Discretionary Exemption, which allows the County to procure goods and services as necessary without the requirement of a competitive solicitation process. Services were also made utilizing the County's adopted procurement process, such as utilization of competitive quotes and purchasing cooperatives. Expenditures exceeding a threshold were also subject to price verification and the procurement of services complies with 2 CFR 200 requirements.

Administration:

Approval of the item is consistent with the Coronavirus State and Local Relief Fund to provide healthy childhood environments by offering enhanced early learning services and after school enrichment programs. The goal is to promote healthy childhood environments by providing community support programs.

Agenda Item Caption

ARPA - American Rescue Plan Act Funds (1290):

A. Discussion, consideration, and action to approve the payment of the Hidalgo County Courthouse communications system for the period in which the COVID-19 public health and economic crisis is in effect. As necessary, use American Rescue Plan Act Funds loss revenues to cover costs not accounted for in the current budget and cannot be lawfully funded by line item, allotment or allocation in connection with the ongoing COVID-19 public health and economic crisis; the Court, having reviewed the Agenda Item Briefing, herein finds that such expenditures are reasonable and necessary for the intended use.

B. Approval of Memorandum.

Recommendations:

The Department of Budget and Management recommends approval of the use of ARPA funds for the Boys and Girls Club of Pharr community development program expenditures as they are reasonable and necessary in providing children enhanced educational supports to help mitigate the impacts of the pandemic. Expenditures will be charged to the American Rescue Plan Act Fund.