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Agenda Item Briefing
Commissioners Court - December 14, 2021

AI Number: 83770

Project Name: Public Wi-Fi Pole Replacement

Project Number: ARPA-21-200-030

Project Department Name: Budget & Management

Funding Source: American Rescue Plan Act Relief Funds *1-1290-441-61-115-223-XXX*

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Background Information

On May 10, 2021 the U.S. the 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. The bill allows governments to provide funding for broadband infrastructure to respond to the public health emergency's impacts. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the Wi-Fi pole has responded to the public health emergency by assisting citizens of the County with distance learning and teleworking.

Compliance

In compliance with the national preparedness goal under the Presidential Policy Directive (PPD8), the Homeland Security Presidential Directives 5 (HSPD-5) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Capability 12 and pursuant to the Order of Continuance of Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency that affirmed the activation of the Hidalgo County Emergency Management Plan and extends the Declaration of Local Disaster, requests the Court's approval for the necessary services to address the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic public health emergency.

Administration

Approval of the item is consistent with Hidalgo County's intended purpose of improving broadband infrastructure to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency, and in compliance with the U.S. Treasury's Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Interim Final Rule.

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ARPA - American Rescue Plan Act Funds (1290):

Discussion, consideration, and action to approve the use of ARPA Relief Funds for the procurement of the replacement of a public Wi-Fi pole to enhance broadband infrastructure and



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maintain compliance with public health measures related to the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency. (Public Wi-Fi Pole Replacement- Project Number: ARPA-21-200-030)

Recommendations

The Department of Budget and Management recommends approval of the use of ARPA Relief Funds for the replacement of the public Wi-Fi pole.

