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American Rescue Plan Act 2021

Agenda Item Briefing
Commissioners Court - December 14, 2021

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Project Name: Assistance to South Texas College Nursing Program

Project Number: ARPA-21-110-034

Project Department Name: Budget & Management

Funding Source: American Rescue Plan Act Relief Funds 1-1290-441-XX-115-227-1-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 support local academic institutions to aid in the response to the public health emergency. The program will assist in providing the necessary resources to train future nurses to respond to the ongoing declared public health emergency.

Furthermore, the program has as an objective to assist local institutions in recruitment and retention of faculty and students. Assistance to South Texas College will allow the County of Hidalgo to address the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency and any future public health emergencies more effectively.

Compliance

The Interlocal Cooperation Agreement has been made in compliance with the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Interim Final Rules issued by the U.S. Treasury, which allows the use of American Rescue Plan Act funds for the purpose of supporting the public health response by aiding nonprofit entities that have been hit particularly hard by the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Administration

Approval of the item is consistent with Hidalgo County's intended purpose of improving public health to respond to the impacts of 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.

Agenda Caption

ARPA - American Rescue Plan Act (1290):

- A. Discussion, consideration, and action to approve use of ARPA Relief Funds for the Hidalgo County American Rescue Plan Act Healthcare Professionals Program to invest in local academic institutions that address the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency.
- B. Discussion, consideration and action to approve the following projects under the Hidalgo County American Rescue Plan Act Healthcare Professionals Program.
 1. Assistance to South Texas College Nursing Program - Project Number: ARPA-21-110-034.



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- C. Discussion, consideration, and approval to enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between South Texas College and the County of Hidalgo for the Healthcare Professionals Program, with authority for the County Judge, as authorized official, to sign the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement.

Recommendations:

The Department of Budget & Management recommends approval of the use of ARPA Relief Funds for the purpose of supporting the public health response to COVID-19.

