

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM: 3.1
(ID # 17869)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

FROM : BOS DISTRICT 1:

SUBJECT: BOS DISTRICT 1: : First District Use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - Community Improvement Designation (CID) Funds to be allocated to Reaching New Heights Foundation, Inc., Fair Housing Council of Riverside County, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Inland Empire, and Voices for Children. [\$22,500 – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) 100%] (4/5 vote required)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1) Approve the use of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - Community Improvement Designation funds for:

- 1. Reaching New Heights Foundation, Inc. - \$5,000**
7056 Archibald Street, Suite 343, Eastvale, CA 92880
- 2. Fair Housing Council of Riverside County, Inc. - \$2,500**
P.O. Box 1068, Riverside, CA 92502
- 3. Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Inland Empire - \$5,000**
2155 Chicago Avenue, Suite 101, Riverside, CA 92507
- 4. Voices for Children - \$10,000**
PO Box 7219, Riverside, CA 92513

ACTION:4/5 Vote Required


Supervisor Kevin Jeffries, Supervisor 1st. District 12/7/2021

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Washington, seconded by Supervisor Spiegel and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: December 14, 2021
xc: First District, COB

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board

By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 22,500	\$ 0	\$ 22,500	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 22,500	\$ 0	\$ 22,500	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: American Rescue Plan (ARPA)			Budget Adjustment: N/A	
			For Fiscal Year: 21/22	

BACKGROUND:

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, also called the COVID-19 Stimulus Package or the American Rescue Plan (ARP), is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill passed by the 117th United States Congress and signed into law by President Joe Biden on March 11, 2021, to accelerate the United States' recovery from the economic and health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The American Rescue Plan includes \$350 billion for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments. These funds known as the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provide a substantial infusion of resources to help turn the tide of the pandemic, address its economic fallout, and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery.

Congress provided State, local, and Tribal governments with significant resources to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and its economic impacts through four categories of eligible uses:

- a) To respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality.
- b) To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers;
- c) For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency; and
- d) To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

Local non-profit organizations play a critical role in responding to the public health emergency and its negative economic impacts, by supporting the public health efforts, delivering essential social services, and supporting individuals and families in stabilizing economically. As such, it is essential that these organizations receive additional financial support to increase services and capacity during the pandemic. It is also important that this funding be distributed geographically

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throughout the County so that impacted groups, households, and individuals have access to this financial support.

On August 24, 2021, the Board of Supervisors authorized the allocation of \$1,000,000 in Federal funding under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) to the Community Improvement Designation Fund (CID) program to support COVID-19 response efforts and economic recovery within Riverside County. The Board further authorized that the allocation is distributed to each supervisorial district in the amount of \$200,000, to be awarded to local eligible non-profits through the established ARPA CID application and award process. The Community Improvement Designation Fund, known as the CID program, was established by the Board of Supervisors under the provisions of Government Code §26227 which authorizes the Board of Supervisors to appropriate and expend general fund monies to support programs that serve a public purpose by meeting the social needs of the population of the county. The CID program, as an existing funding vehicle, provides a mechanism to quickly deploy funding to non-profits on the front lines of the pandemic response efforts.

To ensure compliance with the ARPA funding interim guidelines, County staff created an ARPA - CID supplemental application for eligible non-profit organizations. The application provides adequate detail pertaining to the funding program objectives, guidelines, eligibility criteria and compliance requirements for audit purposes. Furthermore, staff prepared an ARPA non-profits administration process which provides details related to the applications eligibility determination and processing based on eligibility recommendations to be provided by the Executive Office to Board staff. As part of the process, Board staff will be submitting recommendations for awards monthly, as applications are submitted, and eligibility is determined.

On October 13, 2021, County staff held an ARPA non-profits funding workshop to walk eligible organizations through the ARPA CID application(s) process, funding objectives and eligibility criteria according to the U.S. Treasury interim funding guidelines.

The following organizations have been recommended for ARPA funding by the First District and were determined to be eligible by the Executive Office:

- 1. Reaching New Heights Foundation - \$5,000** funding will be used to support their mission to support veterans with employment assistance, education, utilities, and housing.

- 2. Fair Housing Council of Riverside County, Inc. - \$2,500** funding will be used to support the 2022 Housing Conference "Housing Solutions Post Pandemic". This conference will bring together decision-makers in order to solve Fair Housing issues in Riverside County. The persons most affected by the pandemic include the populations that FHCRRC serve.

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- 3. Big Brothers Big Sister of the Inland Empire - \$5,000** funding will be used to provide support to a free after school program that matches high school students with elementary school students on school campuses in the 1st District to promote academic and social support as COVID-19 has greatly disrupted youth learning and development.

- 4. Voices for Children- \$10,000** funding will be used to support the efforts with the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) program. VFC will provide 480 children with a CASA who will advocate for their education, vocational, physical, and mental health, housing stability, and other needs. COVID-19 has exacerbated the challenges that children in foster care face.