

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



**ITEM: 3.5
(ID # 18457)**

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, March-01, 2022

FROM : BOS DISTRICT 5:

SUBJECT: BOS DISTRICT 5: Fifth District Use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - Community Improvement Designation (CID) Funds to be allocated to Power Speaks Louder, Smiles for Seniors, New Beginnings Incorporation: New Beginnings Transitional Services, and Fair Housing Council of Riverside County, Inc. [\$35,000 – 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:

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| 1. Power Speaks Louder
25569 Los Cabos Drive
Moreno Valley, CA 92551 | \$10,000 |
| 2. Smiles for Seniors
P.O. Box 1113
Yucaipa, CA 92399 | \$5,000 |
| 3. New Beginnings Incorporation:
New Beginnings Transitional Services
P. O. Box 1765
Hemet, CA 92546 | \$15,000 |
| 4. Fair Housing Council of Riverside County, Inc.
P. O. Box 1068
Riverside, CA 92502 | \$5,000 |

ACTION:4/5 Vote Required

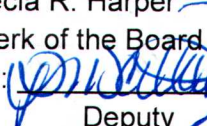

Supervisor Jeff Hewitt, Vice/Chair

2/23/2022

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: March 1, 2022
xc: Fifth 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	\$ 35,000	\$ 0	\$ 35,000	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 35,000	\$ 0	\$ 35,000	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) 100%			Budget Adjustment: No	
			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 throughout the County so that impacted groups, households, and individuals have access to this

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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.

1. Power Speaks Louder funding will be used to support their community outreach programs—Free Food Drive-thru which provides low-income families food and home goods twice a month as well as their Street Outreach program which targets the general homeless population in Moreno Valley and Riverside areas, providing lunch bags, PPE supplies and essentials twice a month.
2. Smiles for Seniors funding will assist with their Low-Income Senior Emergency Assistance program which provides low-income seniors access to necessities to survive such as food, housing, utility assistance, minor home repairs and medications.
3. New Beginnings Incorporation: New Beginnings Transitional Services funding will support the Rapid Re-housing Rental Assistance program. This program will provide rental assistance, intensive case management to approximately 20 low-income families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, military families and veterans in the fifth district.
4. Fair Housing Council of Riverside County, Inc. donation will be used to support the 2022 Housing Conference that will bring together community nonprofits, government officials, leaders, builders, developers, policymakers, housing providers, realtors, and other community leaders. They will discuss the future housing in the Inland Empire and pandemic housing solutions.