

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



ITEM: 3.58  
(ID # 19479)

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, June 28, 2022

**FROM :** BOS DISTRICT 4:

**SUBJECT:** BOS DISTRICT 4: Fourth District Use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - Community Improvement Designation (CID) Funds to be allocated to HARC, Inc. and Jewish Family Service of the Desert. [\$20,000 – 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:

**1. HARC, Inc. - \$10,000**

41550 Eclectic Street, Suite B100  
Palm Desert, CA 92260

**2. Jewish Family Service of the Desert - \$10,000**

490 South Farrell Drive, Suite C208  
Palm Springs, CA 92262

**ACTION:4/5 Vote Required**

  
Supervisor Manuel Perez, Supervisor 4th District 6/24/2022

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Perez 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: June 28, 2022  
xc: BOS District 4, COB

Kecia R. Harper  
Clerk of the Board

By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
<b>COST</b>	\$ 20,000	\$ 0	\$ 20,000	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 20,000	\$ 0	\$ 2,000	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)</b> 100%			<b>Budget Adjustment: No</b>	
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b> 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 117<sup>th</sup> 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

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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 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. HARC, Inc. produces a major population health research study called the Coachella Valley Community Health Survey, which is conducted every three years. The data is typically used by community leaders from health systems, nonprofits, local government, and education systems. More than 100 local organizations use this data to change lives and improve health in our region. ARPA funds will be spent on staff time to download and clean the data, weight the data, analyze the data, and report on the data to make it accessible to the community. This will include comparisons from pre-pandemic and present day to assess how COVID-19 has changed the community.
2. Jewish Family Services of the Desert's (JFS) mission is to provide for the social needs of the Jewish and general community throughout the greater Coachella Valley with a

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commitment to promote the well-being of people of all ages, incomes, and lifestyles. JFS has sustained the Mental Health Counseling program, but faces significant financial challenges due to the covid-19 pandemic, ARPA funds will be used to support the agency's efforts to provide low to no cost in person and/or telecare mental health counseling to youth and veterans.