

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



**ITEM: 3.2  
(ID # 21322)**

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, March 14, 2023

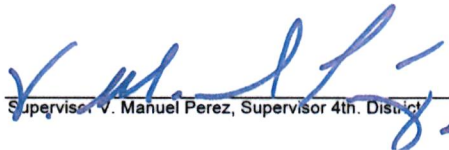
**FROM :** SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ:

**SUBJECT:** SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ: Approve \$1,000,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to FIND Food Bank, The Desert's Regional Food Bank

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve \$1,000,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to FIND Food Bank, The Desert's Regional Food Bank
2. Direct the Executive Office to initiate the ARPA agreement with Food in Need of Distribution, Inc. dba find Food Bank

**ACTION:**

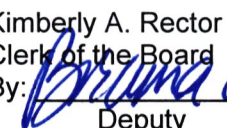
  
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Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, Supervisor 4th. District 3/8/2023

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, and Gutierrez  
Nays: None  
Absent: Perez  
Date: March 14, 2023  
xc: BOS-Dist. 4, E.O.

Kimberly A. Rector  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) 100%			<b>Budget Adjustment: Yes</b>	
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b> 22/23- 23/24	

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** [Approve]

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

Food in Need of Distribution, Inc. dba FIND Food Bank ("FIND") was incorporated in 1983 to end hunger in Coachella Valley Desert Region of California. It has become one of the larger California food banks and is the Desert's Regional Food Bank. FIND is also the disaster relief food bank for the communities it serves. It is the largest hunger relief organization in its area providing over 20 million meals annually to more than 125,000 individuals on a monthly basis through 150 distribution sites, including FIND's 44 mobile markets and through its 80 community-based partner sites, with the assistance of its 17 commercial vehicles. 30%+ of distributed food is fresh produce. During the COVID pandemic the need for food increased 3-fold. People served range from children, families, military personnel, retired individuals, the elderly, agricultural workers; every person who needs food, gets food. FIND measures its success based on equitably increasing the number of meals provided to households in the community, reducing the cost per pound of food distributed, and maintain and improving the nutritional quality of food provided.

Presently, FIND operates from its corporate headquarters in Indio where it houses its administrative offices and distribution warehouse. This 40,000 square foot facility was built in 2009 and was specifically designed with two industrial freezers and the largest sub-zero freezer in Coachella Valley. It expanded its operations in 2021 to Yucca Valley, CA, its Hi-Desert Branch to aid food pantries and soup kitchens in the Morongo Basin.

In addition to all the families FIND serves daily, FIND is the Federal, State and County Disaster Response Food Bank for Eastern Riverside County, including the mountain communities of Anza, Mountain Center and Idyllwild. The Fourth District has heavily relied on them throughout the pandemic and the ongoing emergency at Oasis Mobile Home Park and other parts of the Eastern Coachella Valley. For example, during Covid 2020 / 2021 Emergency Response over 190,000 people served monthly at the height of pandemic. This serves as a critical data point for the people served during a future major natural disaster, including earthquake, pandemic or firestorm.

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To increase their operation, number of families served, and emergency capacity, FIND received a donation of land, adjacent to its current Indio headquarters, and plans to more than double the size of its food distribution capacity. The proposed project includes the cost of a new building and equipment with an estimated cost of \$11 million. The building will be completed by December 31, 2026.

District 4 is requesting to obligate \$1,000,000 of its ARPA funding to support the construction of the new building in order to better serve the residents of the Fourth District and surrounding Districts. FIND has also secured 2 State of California grants of approximately \$3.8M and \$1.7M that can be drawn on to support the construction of its new facility.

**Additional Fiscal Information**

If the proposed funding obligation is approved by the Board, Food in Need of Distribution, Inc. dba FIND Food Bank will be reimbursed through a funding agreement between the County of Riverside and FIND. The agreement will be presented to the Board of Supervisors at a future date.