

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



ITEM: 3.40  
(ID # 24684)

MEETING DATE:  
Tuesday, April 09, 2024

FROM : SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ:

SUBJECT: BOS DISTRICT 4: Approval of a Neighborhood Revitalization Project Utilizing Fourth District American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Second Allocation Funds. District 4. [\$4,500,000 Total Cost – 100% American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)] (4/5 Vote Required)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and authorize the use of \$4,500,000 from Fourth District 2<sup>nd</sup> ARPA allocation for the Fourth District ARPA Neighborhood Revitalization project outlined below; and
2. Direct the Executive Office to initiate work on the ARPA Neighborhood Revitalization Project agreement with the Desert Recreation District.

ACTION: Policy

  
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, Supervisor 4th District 4/9/2024

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Gutierrez, 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 Gutierrez  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: April 9, 2024  
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>	\$ 0	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds 100%			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	No
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	24/25

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 (H.R. 1319) in to law. The \$1.9 trillion package is intended to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, including the public health and economic impacts.

As part of the \$362 billion in federal fiscal recovery aid for state and local governments, \$65.1 billion is provided in direct aid to counties. Riverside County's share of the ARPA funding is \$479,874,599, of which the first installment of \$239,937,299 was received on May 10, 2021, and the second installment in the same amount was received on June 6, 2022. The funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and expended by December 31, 2026.

On October 4, 2022, (Agenda Item 3.44) the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the ARPA second installment funding allocation which distributed \$33 million per district to be obligated towards infrastructure, housing and homelessness, workforce development, neighborhood revitalization, business revitalization, childcare facilities, and non-profits.

The following project has been recommended for ARPA funding by the Fourth District and was determined to be in compliance with ARPA funding objectives and US Treasury eligibility criteria by the Executive Office. The Desert Recreation District will administer, construct, and maintain the following Neighborhood Revitalization project, which will be completed on or before December of 2026, utilizing the proposed ARPA Neighborhood Revitalization funding:

- **Thermal Community Park - \$4,500,000** - The Desert Recreation District proposes the construction of the 10-acre Thermal Community Park in the unincorporated community of Thermal, CA. The proposed park would be constructed on what is currently a date palm orchard at the corner of Church Street and Olive Street. The project site is located across the street from La Familia High School, John Kelly Elementary School, and the Migrant Head Start Thermal Center. Through the community outreach process, the residents expressed a desire to have playgrounds court, ball fields, picnic areas/gathering spaces, restrooms with a snack bar, and lighting and landscaping throughout the park.

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**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

The proposed Thermal Community Park Project will improve the quality of life for residents of Thermal and other surrounding communities by providing a new, community centric, park location that provides variety of outdoor recreational opportunities.