

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



ITEM: 3.5
(ID # 25304)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, June 11, 2024

FROM : BOS DISTRICT 5

SUBJECT: BOS DISTRICT 5: Approval of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the Edward Dean Museum Revitalization, Gateway Park Project, and S.O.N.G Program [\$5,148,400 Total Cost - 100% American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)] (4/5th Vote Required)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and authorize \$2,000,000 for the Office of Economic Development (OED) from District 5 ARPA Allocation, to be obligated for the Edward Dean Museum Revitalization Project; and
2. Approve and authorize \$2,000,000 for the Office of Economic Development from 2nd ARPA Allocation: Economic Recovery, to be obligated for the Edward Dean Museum Revitalization Project; and
3. Approve and authorize \$1,000,000 for the Gateway Park Revitalization Project in the City of Moreno Valley; and
4. Approve and authorize \$148,400 for the Andy Vargas Foundation S.O.N.G. Program; and
5. Direct the Executive Office to Initiate Work on the ARPA Agreements with the City of Moreno Valley and the Andy Vargas Foundation.

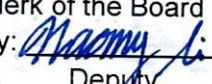
ACTION: Policy


Supervisor Yxstian Gutierrez 6/6/2024

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Gutierrez, seconded by Supervisor Jeffries 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: June 11, 2024
xc: BOS-Dist. 5, E.O.

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 0	\$ 5,148,400	\$ 5,148,400	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS 100% ARPA Funds: \$3,148,400- District 5 – ARPA Allocation; \$2,000,000- 2 nd ARPA Allocation: Economic Recovery.			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Year:	24/25-25/26

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act 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. On April 27, 2021, the Executive Office presented the Board of Supervisors with a preliminary ARPA funding allocation, then on October 19, 2021, presented a revised funding allocation after the U.S. Treasury released the ARPA interim funding guidelines.

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 million, of which the first installment of \$239.9 million was received on May 10, 2021, and the second installment in the same amount was received on June 6, 2022. The Board approved the allocation of ARPA funding from both installments for eligible projects in the categories of infrastructure, housing and homelessness, workforce development, neighborhood revitalization, business revitalization, childcare facilities, and non-profits. On October 4, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved the ARPA 2nd installment funding allocation which allocated \$33 million per district. The funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and expended by December 31, 2026.

On February 8, 2022, the Board approved \$36 million for Economic Recovery in assisting businesses struggling to rebound from the COVID-19 pandemic and stimulate future economic growth and resiliency. On October 4, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved an additional \$8 million for Economic Recovery to be used to support the same objective approved in the first allocation.

The following projects are being recommended for ARPA using a combination of Economic Recovery and Fifth District ARPA funding allocation and were determined to follow ARPA funding objectives and US Treasury eligibility criteria by the Executive Office.

Edward Dean Museum Revitalization Project

The Edward-Dean Museum and grounds, located in Cherry Valley, was created by Edward Eberle and Dean Stout with most structures being erected in 1957 and given to the County of

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Riverside in 1964. The Edward-Dean Museum is committed to preserving its historical art collection while also serving as a community, cultural, and educational enrichment hub. It is a unique public space and the only museum owned and operated by Riverside County. The negative economic impacts experienced by the Edward Dean Museum closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic reduced grounds/park visitations and led to event cancellations.

The recommended additional funding will support the expansion of an outdoor plaza next to The Kay building, allowing for greater community use of the facilities. The improvements include a building addition to relocate the kitchen area, and expansion and upgrading of the restrooms and bring them up to full ADA standards. These improvements will add to a prior ARPA allocation (\$2.8 million) towards improving the parking areas and entrance way, underground storm and septic systems, and other basic infrastructure. In addition to providing greater community use, the improvements will also enhance the Dean's ability to pay for its ongoing maintenance and operations through increased event revenue.

District 5 is requesting to obligate \$2,000,000 from its remaining ARPA allocations to the Edward Dean Museum Revitalization Project, and the Office of Economic Development is requesting obligation of an additional \$2,000,000 from the 2nd ARPA Economic Recovery allocation for a total project increase of \$4,000,000. The Riverside County Office of Economic Development will be the lead department and shall be returning to the Board in the future with actions to implement the projects referenced above and with the related budget adjustments.

Gateway Park Improvements

The recommendation is to provide funding to the City of Moreno Valley towards the construction of improvements at Gateway Park. The park project will be 1.5 acres and will consist of separate areas for large (1 acre) and small dogs (.5 acre). The park will also have shade structures, drinking fountains, benches with shade areas, double security gates, and a dog wash, plus lighting for evening use. Parks projects serving Qualified Census Tract (QCT) areas are eligible as part of ARPA Neighborhood Revitalization programs.

Andy Vargas Foundation S.O.N.G. Program

District 5 proposes the implementation of the S.O.N.G (Sparking Originality in New Generations) Camp program for underserved youth who have a passion for pursuing a career in the music and/ or entertainment industries. This program will help fill the gap left by the pandemic in music education and training, by providing underserved youth with the necessary resources and skills to pursue music and entertainment careers through hands-on experience, insight from industry professionals, and college scholarships. The program will be administered by the Andy Vargas Foundation, a non-profit established in 2015 with the mission to inspire, educate, and mentor youth who strive for a career in the music industry. The foundation focuses on serving underserved youth and provides scholarships and career pathways to aspiring musicians.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

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The proposed funding responds to the negatively impacted tourism industry, provides public health benefits to the community, increases accessibility, highlights art and culture, and improves community services which were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Additional Fiscal Information

The proposed services will be funded entirely by ARPA funding from United States Department of Treasury funds and will not impact the County's General Fund. Project expenses will occur in FY 24/25 through FY 25/26.