

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



**ITEM: 3.36
(ID # 26346)**

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, November 05, 2024

FROM : PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES (DPSS): Approve and obligate \$2,100,000 in funding from the Second District American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation to purchase and enhance computer hardware, equipment and software support for the Riverside County Department of Public Social Services for FY 24/25 and FY 25/26; All Districts. [Total Cost \$2,100,000; 100% ARPA Funds](4/5 Vote Required)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve and obligate \$2,100,000 in funding from the Second District American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation to purchase and enhance computer hardware, equipment and software support for the Riverside County Department of Public Social Services for FY 24/25 and FY 25/26; and
2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent, in accordance with Ordinance No. 459, based on the availability of fiscal funding and as approved to form by County Counsel (a) to issue Purchase Orders for any goods and/or services purchased; (b) to sign agreements resulting from the purchases; (c) to sign amendments that exercise the options of the agreement including modification of the statement of work that stay within the intent of the Agreement, and (d) move the allocated funds among vendors.

ACTION:4/5 Vote Required, Policy

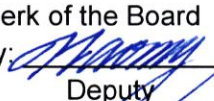

Charity Douglas, DPSS Director

10/25/2024

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Jeffries, seconded by Supervisor Gutierrez 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: November 5, 2024
xc: DPSS

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	\$2,100,000	\$0	\$2,100,000	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: 100% ARPA Funds			Budget Adjustment:	No
			For Fiscal Year:	24/25 and 25/26

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed into law a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill also known as the COVID-19 Stimulus Package or the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The intent of the bill is to accelerate the United States recovery from the economic and health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Riverside County's share of the American Rescue Plan funding is \$479 million. The funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and expended by December 31, 2026.

On October 19, 2021, the Executive Office presented the Board of Supervisors with a revised funding allocation after the U.S. Treasury released the ARPA interim funding guidelines. The funding allocation obligates funds to 7 categories: Infrastructure, Housing & Homelessness, Economic Recovery, County Departments Response, Non-Profit Assistance, Childcare and Revenue Backfill. On October 4, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved the ARPA 2nd installment funding allocation which allocated \$33 million per district to be obligated towards infrastructure, housing and homelessness, workforce development, neighborhood revitalization, business revitalization, childcare facilities, and non-profits.

This board action requests approval for the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) to use \$2,100,000 in funding from the Second District ARPA allocation to purchase and enhance computer hardware, equipment and software support used by employees and customers in DPSS offices. Current equipment is aged and will not meet the performance and security requirements of planned operating system upgrades. The procurement of computer hardware and equipment will help the department to expand its efforts to enhance program outcomes for clients.

In general, the authorization of ARPA federal funds will allow the department to:

- Purchase computer equipment with Windows 11 compatibility to meet the increased security requirements, ensure client confidentiality and maintain agency compliance,
- Successfully participate in future state initiatives which require hardware devices for program implementation,
- Provide an allotment of devices to meet changing program requirements and enhancements,

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- Supply the DPSS Technology Support Services (TSS) unit with inventory for new computer equipment requests and break-fix inventory department wide to mitigate interruption of staff operations.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

The computer hardware and equipment will meet County security requirements and ensure delivery of vital services to Riverside County residents. All DPSS services are computer processed and require up-to-date security features to ensure client confidentiality.

Additional Fiscal Information

All costs associated with this Board action will be 100% funded by ARPA federal funds and will be expended by FY 25/26.

Contract History and Price Reasonableness

DPSS will partner with County Purchasing for its ARPA funded computer hardware, equipment and software support purchase utilizing county approved and awarded vendors, as well as cooperative agreements, to help facilitate the quick procurement of goods in a proven economical fashion.


Erianria Lontajo, Principal Management Analyst 10/30/2024


Gregg Gu, Chief of Deputy County Counsel 10/28/2024