

ITEM: 3.3 (ID # 26717) MEETING DATE: Tuesday, December 03, 2024

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 Assistance League Coachella Valley and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. [\$17,500 – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) 100%] (4/5 vote required

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Approve the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Community Improvement Designation funds for:
 - 1. Fellowship of Christian Athletes \$10,000 78075 Main St. #204 La Quinta, CA 92253
 - 2. Assistance League Coachella Valley \$7,500 P.O. Box 3056 Rancho Mirage, CA 92270

ACTION:4/5 Vote Required

11/26/2024

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Gutierrez seconded by Supervisor Spiegel 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:	December 3, 2024
XC:	BOS-District 4, COBCC

Kimberly A. Rector Clerk of the Board By: Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year: Next Fiscal Year: Total Co		Total Cost	::	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 17,500	\$0 \$17,50		0	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 17,500	\$0	\$ 17,500		\$0
SOURCE OF FUNDS Rescue Plan Act (A		FUNDS: Ame	rican	Budget Adj	ustment: No
				For Fiscal Y	'ear: 24/25

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 117th 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 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

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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.

The following organizations have been recommended for ARPA funding by the First District and were determined to be eligible by the Executive Office:

 Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) of Coachella Valley provide underprivileged youth in the eastern Coachella Valley with affordable and high-quality club soccer. The club focuses on character development, positive interactions, mentorship, and sportsmanship. Soccer Clinics are hosted in accessible locations within the communities of Indio, Coachella, Mecca, and Thermal, making it convenient for local youth to participate.

CID – ARPA funds will be used to address the impacts of COVID-19 by funding portable field lighting and soccer equipment, ensuring safe and well-lit playing conditions and quality training resources. This will enhance physical activity opportunities, especially in the severely disadvantaged eastern Coachella Valley,

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where the pandemic has exacerbated issues like obesity, poverty, and limited access to extracurricular activities.

2. Assistance League Coachella Valley's Operation School Bell program provides clothing to public school elementary students for over 30 years. The impact of COVID-19 has disproportionately affected families in the Coachella Valley. Many families are still either under or unemployed, facing eviction or unable to obtain childcare to make ends meet. By providing clothing and hygiene kits, it relieves some of the financial stress upon these families. CID – ARPA funds will be used to purchase shirts, shoes, socks, underwear, and hygiene supplies for eligible students attending elementary schools in the Coachella Valley Unified School District.