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Title

Consider and take action on a resolution authorizing a formal spending plan of the American Rescue Plan Act grant funding by the U.S Treasury to the City of League City (Executive Director of Finance and Project Management)

..Background:

Approval of this item will authorize a formal spending plan be submitted to the U.S. Treasury of how the American Rescue Plan Act grant dollars will be invested.

Council approved the acceptance of the American Rescue Plan Act grant funds on July 13, 2021. The purpose of the grant is to support the immediate pandemic response, bring back jobs, and lay the groundwork for a strong and equitable recovery, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, designed to deliver \$350 billion to state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to bolster their response to the COVID- 19 emergency and its economic impacts. The City of League City has been allocated \$10,385,742.

The ARP allows local jurisdictions to allocate any funds received through this program to a variety of expenses to include:

- A. Public Health and Economic Impacts - Eligible expenses in this category must be in response to the "disease itself or the harmful consequences of the economic disruptions". There is a sample list of eligible expenses in the Interim Final Rule (beginning on pg. 10).
- B. To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID- 19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers - This is outlined beginning on page 45 of the Interim Final Rule.
- C. 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 (beginning bottom of pg. 51 of the Interim Final Rule)
- D. To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure - This is outlined beginning on page 63 of the Interim Final Rule (Ensure that these expenditures align with CWSRF and DWSRF).

At this time the City is looking to allocate approximately \$3,075,000 to category A - public health and economic impacts, \$205,000 to category C - revenue loss, and the remainder of the funds (approximately \$7.105 million) to category D - necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

Within these categories staff suggests projects such as:

Category A - Public Health and Economic Impacts (\$3.075 million)

- \$500,000 would be budgeted for reimbursement of COVID related leave and quarantine of city employees beginning March 3rd, 2021, through September 30th, 2021, for fiscal year 2021. The remaining dollars will be used towards COVID related leave and quarantine of city employees beginning October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2024 in their respective fiscal years, until all dollars are exhausted in this category. If additional dollars above the original budget amount of \$500,000 are needed, an amendment would be established, and funds reallocated from Category D (CIP Water & Wastewater projects) to extend the budget through September 30, 2024.

- \$600,000 would be allocated as a sub-award to the League City Chamber over a 3-year period (\$200,000 annual budget) to be used towards:
 - Business assistance programs to accelerate the re-hiring of League City's unemployed residents
 - Financial Education/Training for small to medium size businesses in financial hardship due to COVID-19
 - Business continuity programs to address the negative, economic impacts to small and medium businesses
 - Digital marketing solutions for businesses that experienced negative economic impacts due to COVID-19
 - Counseling, coaching, and mentoring programs
 - Business advocacy for League City businesses impacted by COVID-19
 - ARPA funds may be used to hire staff and/or contract personnel, as needed, to support ARPA-approved programming and/or administration.
 - Annual Budget:
 - \$200,000 would be budgeted annually with the opportunity to request an amendment to the current year's budget of \$50,000 in the first and second years. The amendment would require a detailed explanation of the use of the additional funds. (Budgets, amendments, and additional staffing are not to exceed the overall sub-award amount of \$600,000 over the three-year period). The third year's budget will either be the remaining balance of years one and two up to \$600,000 or be re-evaluated if the original annual budget of \$200,000 is not obtained after year two. Remaining dollars in excess of the third year's budget will be reallocated to Category D (CIP Water & Wastewater projects) to ensure all grant dollars are exhausted before December 31st, 2024.

- \$1,000,000 would be allocated to offer Economic Development incentive to renew Main Street
 - Executive Director of Development Services putting together a program for local businesses on Main Street to enhance store fronts. The partnership would be funding split between Small Business Loans, matching funds from the local business recipient and City funds from COVID ARPA.
 - Supports Keep League City Beautiful's mission

- \$475,000 would be allocated as a sub-award to Interfaith Caring Ministries to be used towards:
 - Rental and utility assistance to those impacted by the pandemic
 - Assistance to older apartment complexes for necessary repairs with rental assistance being passed along to those tenants
 - \$75,000 to purchase a generator for Interfaith Caring Ministries to prevent food bank product spoilage during power outages.

- \$500,000 would be allocated as a sub-award to HGAC to administer the Regional Revolving

Loan Program

- HGAC administered program available to existing businesses, new business, or expansion to businesses within League City that provides funding for such activities.
- to be disbursed to qualifying small businesses through the Loan Program in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 per qualifying small business that, among other criteria, has been financially impacted by the COVID-19 Public Health Disaster and or/ will contribute to the economic recovery of a community that has been impacted by COVID-19.
- Funding will be 80% Small Business Loan, 10% business matching funds and 10% City funds from COVID ARPA
- HGAC manages the program including required reporting
- Any unused funding will be returned to the City

Category C - Revenue Loss (\$205,000)

- Installation of new locker rooms and restrooms at PWOC
 - Will require a Budget Amendment to add project to the Capital Budget.
- (Revenue Loss for FY2021 will be calculated first quarter of FY2022) - if a loss is recognized it would reduce Category D (CIP Water & Wastewater projects) by the recognized dollar amount and programmed on a priority basis.
 - Additional Revenue Loss Project:
 - (\$350,000) Fueling Center at PWOC

Category D (\$7.105 million)

- \$1.93 million - Construct 10-inch water main on FM518 between (I45 and Landing Blvd) & (Landing Blvd and Palomino) (WT1904) - Currently programmed in the FY2022-2026 CIP with ARPF grant funding.
- \$5.17 million - Construction of Dallas Salmon WWTP Admin, Lab & Ops Building (WW2104) - construction budgeted for \$6 million in 2023.
- After the construction contract is awarded for Dallas Salmon WWTP Admin, Lab & Ops Building (WW2104), the remaining dollars in excess of the awarded contract will be used towards a qualifying CIP project in the Water/Wastewater programs in the FY2023 CIP.

This includes projects such as:

- FY2023: WT1802 - (\$290,000) Design and Construction of SH3 1MG Ground Storage Tank (GST)
- FY2023: WT1904 - (\$2.3 million) Construct Waterline Replacements along Pecan Forest, Highland Terrace, Clear Creek Heights subdivisions, Boden, and Bern streets.
 - The additional projects noted above would be federally procured to ensure they are eligible for reimbursement. This allows both projects to move forward regardless of the timing of the Dallas Salmon construction award.

Attachments:

1. Data Sheet
2. Proposed Resolution
3. Agenda Item - Prior
4. Interim Final Rule
5. FAQ as of July 19, 2021
6. HGAC Revolving Loan Program

FUNDING

{X} Revenue from the American Rescue Plan Act will be deposited into fund 8022. Funding in the amount of \$5,192,871 was received in FY2021 with the remaining \$5.2 million anticipated mid FY2022.

If approved:

FY2021

Category A (\$500,000)

- Reimbursement of COVID related leave and quarantine of city employees beginning March 3rd, 2021, through September 30th, 2021, for FY2021.

FY2022

Category A (Remainder of the FY2021 COVID Related Leave Budget) + (\$2.175 million)

- Remainder of the (\$500,000) budgeted for COVID related leave and quarantine of city employees beginning October 1st through September 30th
- \$200,000 to be allocated as a sub-award to the League City Chamber
- \$475,000 to be allocated as a sub-award to Interfaith Caring Ministries
- \$1,000,000 to be allocated as a sub-award to HGAC Revolving Loan Program
- \$500,000 to be allocated to renew Main Street

Category C (\$205,000) + (Revenue Loss if applicable)

- Project to be tied to an org and object in fund 8022, COVID ARPA
 - Would require a Budget Amendment to add project to the Capital Budget (Exhibit B)
- (Revenue Loss for FY2021 will be calculated first quarter of FY2022) - if a loss is recognized it would reduce Category D (CIP Water & Wastewater projects) by the recognized dollar amount and programmed on a priority basis.

Category D (\$1.93 million)

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FY2023

Category A (Remainder of the FY2022 COVID Related Leave Budget) + (\$200,000)

- Remainder of the (\$500,000) budgeted for COVID related leave and quarantine of city employees beginning October 1st through September 30th
- \$200,000 to be allocated as a sub-award to the League City Chamber

Category C (TBD)

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and programmed on a priority basis.

Category D (\$5.17 million)

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FY2024

Category A (Remainder of the FY2023 COVID Related Leave Budget) + (\$200,000)

- Remainder of the (\$500,000) budgeted for COVID related leave and quarantine of city employees beginning October 1st through September 30th
- \$200,000 to be allocated as a sub-award to the League City Chamber

Category D (TBD)

- Remaining dollars from Category A & B to be used towards CIP Water and Wastewater Projects.

Category C (TBD)

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STRATEGIC PLANNING

{X} NOT APPLICABLE