



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: November 12, 2024

TITLE:

Consider and act on Resolution No. R-2024-159, Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the City of Bastrop Water/Wastewater Department to utilize a portion of the City of Bastrop's American Rescue Plan funds; providing for findings of fact, repealer; effective date, proper notice and meeting.

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

Laura Allen, Assistant Finance Director

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

On March 11, 2021, President Joe Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act (hereinafter "ARPA") to address the impact of COVID-19 and initiate a funding program related to the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals, and businesses.

On May 10, 2021, the U.S. Treasury issued the Interim Final Rule and on January 6, 2022, issued the Final Rule to implement ARPA, as set forth in Title 31, Part 35 of the Code of Federal Regulations ("CFR").

Under ARPA, Section 603 (c)(1)(A) and (C), and the Final Rule 31, CFR 35.6(b)(3)(ii)(A)(11), recipients may use Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds ("SLFRF") to provide assistance to individuals and disproportionately impacted populations via capital improvements, investments in the community to promote improved health outcomes and public safety, services to address educational disparities, and procurement of equipment related to the provision of these services.

The City of Bastrop has been awarded funds by the U.S. Department of the Treasury which were distributed to the City from ARPA for covered costs and eligible expenses to be incurred during the period which began on March 2, 2021, until December 31, 2024 (to be expended by December 31, 2026). The City seeks to allocate ARPA funding to the CITY OF BASTROP WATER/WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT for the purpose of supporting the Wastewater Treatment Plan Rehabilitation.

The City and the Water/Wastewater Department desire to enter into an agreement setting forth their respective responsibilities under the project and the Public Works Department accepts the obligation to provide the Scope of Work described in the Agreement attached as the "Memorandum of Understanding" and to comply with ARPA monitoring, documentation, and reporting requirements.

RECOMMENDATION:

Laura Allen, Assistant Finance Director, recommends approval of Resolution No. R-2024-159, authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the City of Bastrop Public Works Department to utilize a portion of the City of Bastrop's American Rescue Plan funds; providing for findings of fact, repealer; effective date, proper notice and meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution No. R-2024-159
- Memorandum of Understanding

