

DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND/OR AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BAY CITY TO ISSUE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFPs) FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQs) FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

BACKGROUND: The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 – the latest COVID-19 stimulus package - became law on March 11, 2021. (1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill)

- 130 billion for local governments
- 27.6 Billion Dollars is allocated to Texas
- 5.7 billion allocated to 254 Counties
- 4.7 billion will be divided among 1100 Cities

The City of Bay City is projected to receive \$ 3,823,312. The first allotment of approximately half the funds should reach the City within 30 to 45 days. The City will have until December 31, 2024 to expend the funds.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: This is dependent on the use of funds. There is no match requirement.

IMPACT ON COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY: The funds can be used for water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure. Funds can be used to respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, may include assistance to households, businesses, and non-profits. Guidance on the implementation is still being worked out with the Treasury Department.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends City Council approve authorizing staff to issue RFPs and/or RFQs as needed during this federal grant cycle. Council would still approve awarding administrative and/or professional services.

ATTACHMENTS: None