



STAFF REPORT
7/27/2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Jacob Alvarez, Assistant to the City Manager

SUBJECT: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) Allocation Agreement for Coachella UBI

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2022-80, authorizing the appropriation of American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in the amount of one million eight thousand dollars (\$1,008,000) to assist 140 households and approve the attached allocation agreement for relief for Coachella UBI and allow the City Manager to execute contracts in accordance with Resolution.

Alternatively, the City Council could approve the same recommendation above with a different allocation of one million four hundred forty thousand dollars (\$1,440,000) assisting 200 households.

BACKGROUND:

President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) into law on March 11, 2021. The legislation provides \$1.9 trillion in economic stimulus funds to assist in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. One component of the legislation is the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program, which provides funds directly to local jurisdictions to respond to the economic and public health impacts of COVID-19. The City of Coachella expects to receive \$10.94 million in total SLFRF due to its size and demographics.

During the fall 2021, city staff identified a list of projects to implement utilizing ARPA funding with the input gathered through community outreach and the City Council. ARPA program guidance or “Final Rule” was then released by the Treasury on January 6, 2022 and the “Final Rule” took effect on April 1, 2022. On the Wednesday, April 13, 2022, the Mission Asset Fund (MAF) provided the City Council with a Coachella UBI presentation at its meeting.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

Staff reviewed eligible subrecipients that provide local cash relief assistance services and it was determined that Mission Asset Fund (MAF), an independent legal entity and non-profit public benefit corporation, has both the ability and capacity to execute this approval via the distribution of cash assistance to low- and/or moderate-income households in City of Coachella of no more

than four hundred dollars (\$400) each per month for up to 24 months. If approved, the City of Coachella will transmit an initial deposit to Mission Asset Fund in the amount of \$126,000 to fund their first quarter of direct cash transfers to low- and/or moderate-income households in City of Coachella.

Alternatively, if the amount of one million four hundred forty thousand dollars (\$1,440,000) is selected then it will assist 200 households and an initial deposit to Mission Asset Fund would increase to \$180,000, to fund their first quarter of direct cash transfers.

Staff recommends that City Council approve the attached allocation agreement with Mission Asset Fund for relief and allow City Manager to execute contracts in accordance with the agreement and Resolution No. 2022-80.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There will be no impact to the General fund. Consequently, there will be a one million eight thousand dollars (\$1,008,000) or one million four hundred forty thousand dollars (\$1,440,000) that will impact to the American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.

EXHIBIT(S):

- 1) Resolution No. 2022-80
- 2) Agreement for Administration and Distribution of ARPA Funds through Mission Asset Fund
- 3) MAF Families Recovery Program Proposal