



STAFF REPORT
10/9/2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Jaime Arroyo, Grants Manager

SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution No. 2024-33 Allocating \$500,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds toward the Coachella Home Enhancement Program (HEP) and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with the County of Riverside Housing and Workforce Solutions to Administer the HEP Program

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council consider adopting Resolution No. 2024-33 allocating \$500,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds toward the Coachella Home Enhancement Program (HEP) and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the County of Riverside Housing and Workforce Solutions to administer the HEP program.

BACKGROUND:

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds under sections 602 and 603 of the Social Security Act to help states and localities address the economic and health consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (Fund) provides for payments to non-entitlement units of local government (NEUs), which are local governments typically serving a population under 50,000. The City Council adopted a resolution on July 21, 2021, accepting its ARPA allocation \$10,942,698.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

Allocating the \$500,000 in ARPA funds to the Coachella Home Enhancement Program. (HEP) will augment the CDBG-funded HEP Program by increasing the number of households served. Based on the maximum allowable grant amount of up to \$50,000, approximately ten (10) additional residential structures will be rehabilitated with ARPA funds. The HEP provides grants to rehabilitate stick-built and manufactured or modular homes, and owner-occupied single-family residences in the City of Coachella. HEP grants are only used to assist low-income, qualified homeowners with exterior repairs. The \$50,000 maximum grant amount will allow for weatherization repairs, including roof replacement on smaller residential dwellings. The eligible repairs are limited to those necessary for the health and safety of the occupants and other items necessary to bring the property into code compliance. The term of the ARPA funding for the

implementation of the HEP is for the period of one (1) year from July 1, 2024 to termination on June 30, 2025.

Eligible Repairs

In order to ensure that the goals of the HEP are met, the following list of specific priorities has been established to serve as a guide for the personnel assigned to the program. It should be noted that the items listed are not meant to exclude other improvements:

- 1) Health and Safety Issues/Systems
- 2) Exterior Improvements
- 3) Energy Efficiency Measures (i.e. doors, windows, weatherization, etc.)
- 4) Address repairs needed for residential homes that are “deteriorated/deteriorating”

Note: Certain improvements are subject to specific requirements and limitations.

Exterior Repairs:

- Minor Roof Repair / Roof Replacement (if necessary)
- Replacement of broken or missing windows and doors (energy efficiency)
- Repair or replace damaged and falling fencing (equivalent to existing fencing material)
- Exterior paint and other improvements
- Exterior Paint walls and trim
- Repair or replace flashing and guttering
- Repair or replace porches and steps
- Repair exterior foundation walls
- Removal of aging, dangerous trees and/or hedges (to be considered for this service, the homeowner will be required to install a water-smart landscape, gardening, and/or vegetation upon project completion).

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-33 Allocating \$500,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds toward the Coachella Home Enhancement Program (HEP) and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the County of Riverside Housing and Workforce Solutions to administer the HEP program.
2. Not Adopt Resolution No. 2024-33 Allocating \$500,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds toward the Coachella Home Enhancement Program (HEP) and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the County of Riverside Housing and Workforce Solutions to administer the HEP program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City is using \$500,000 of allocated ARPA funds to implement this program.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 2024-33
2. Subrecipient Agreement