



CITY COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Administration

SUBJECT: Motion to approve the proposed guidelines for the Community Grant Programs funded with the American Rescue Program Act (ARPA) of 2021

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager Recommends approval of a Motion to approve the proposed guidelines for the Community Grant Programs funded with the American Rescue Program Act (ARPA) of 2021.

BACKGROUND OF ITEM:

During the Commission October 26th, 2021 and November 30th, 2021 meetings, the Commission agreed to utilize funds from American Rescue Program Act (ARPA) of 2021 to support Community Grant Programs. This included: \$300,000 in Small Business Grants, \$200,000 in Utility (residential) Grants, \$250,000 in Mortgage (residential) Assistance; \$50,000 in Rental (residential) Assistance; and \$50,000 in Non-profit Grants. The Commission additionally approved an agreement with Strategic Philanthropy to administer the combined grants. The Commission requested clarification on the program guidelines and asked that they be brought back for Commission approval. If the demand for the programs do not meet the budgeted amounts, a recommendation will be provided to reallocate remaining funds to other ARPA projects.

ANALYSIS:

Strategic Philanthropy worked with staff to develop the guidelines, consistent with the ARPA requirements and the (economic stimulus) intent of the ARPA funds. These guidelines are summarized in Exhibit A.

It is recommended that the Commission approve the proposed guidelines. Approval will allow the consultant to begin the marketing and implementation of the program and provide the assistance to the various beneficiaries.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

The Community Grant Program addresses the following strategic priorities: Financially Sustaining Someplace Special, A Strong Sense of Place, and City wide Revitalization.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This item provides the guidelines for the Community Grant programs and has no direct financial impact.

<u>General Ledger Acct. Number</u>	<u>Budgeted Amount</u>	<u>Requested Amount</u>	<u>Remaining Amount</u>

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Exhibit A – American Rescue Plan Draft Overview