



MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR & CITY COMMISSIONERS

VIA: RODNEY LUCAS, CITY MANAGER

FROM: Peggy Boule-Washington

SUBJECT: American Rescue Plan Act Fund Allocation – Rental/ Water Assistance

DATE: July 14, 2023

GENERAL SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

The City of Pahokee has instituted a Residential Utilities and Rental Assistance Program to provide grants benefiting residents in need of rental and or water assistance within the City.

The City of Pahokee has received an allocation of \$3,162,890. The funds were received in two transactions of \$1,581,445. FY2022-23, with a program allocation of \$225,000 to cover up to \$1,500 per qualifying household/ renter.

In this first batch, the City is seeking approval to award 12 qualifying residents for approved minor home repairs to their residences (Exhibit A attached – Resident Spreadsheet).

In a combined effort to spend the City's allocated funds responsibly, the City's elected officials established an advisory committee, meetings, workshops and townhalls to share thoughts and suggestions as to what City ARPA funds should be allocated to.

Thus, recommended utilize spending of funds in several categories: I. Revenue Replacement. II. Reimbursement for Covid Related Revenue Shortfall. III. Housing: Minor Home Repair, Utilities (water)/Rental Assistance and IV. Small Businesses.

BUDGET IMPACT: ARPA funds were received in the amount of \$3,162,890. Revised allocation remains \$225,000 and will be allocated towards Residential Utilities and Rental Assistance Program up to \$1,500 per qualifying household/ renter. Requesting approval for 12 qualifying residents totaling \$11,573.18.

LEGAL NOTE: N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Approve resolution.

ATTACHMENTS:

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