



AGENDA

MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR & CITY COMMISSIONERS

VIA: RODNEY LUCAS, CITY MANAGER

FROM: Peggy Boule-Washington

SUBJECT: American Rescue Plan Act Fund Allocation

DATE: 20 January 2023

GENERAL SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

In response to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the U.S. Department of the Treasury established Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program which is a part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Per the U.S. Department of the Treasury, American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”) was signed into law on March 11, 2021, in which provides \$350 billion in additional funding for state and local governments. In addition to State funding allotment, approximately \$195 billion with \$25.5 billion has been distributed equally among the 50 states and the District of Columbia and the remaining amount distributed according to a formula based on unemployment in which provides the following resources to:

- Fight the pandemic and support families and businesses struggling with its public health and economic impacts,
- Maintain vital public services, even amid declines in revenue, and
- Build a strong, resilient, and equitable recovery by making investments that support long-term growth and opportunity; and, supports the following eligible categories (among others):
 - Replacing Lost Public Sector Revenue
 - Public Health and Economic Impacts
 - Premium Pay
 - Water, Sewer & Broadband Infrastructure

Note, local funding portion is approximately \$130 billion, equally divided between cities and counties. Localities will receive the funds in two tranches—the first after the U.S. Treasury certifies the proceeds to each jurisdiction and the second one year later.

The City of Pahokee was allocated \$3,162,890. The funds were received in two tranches.

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 in accordance with the guidelines provided by the U.S. Treasury.

The City has developed a budget (Exhibit “A”) for expenditure of the ARPA funding for the City in accordance with the allowable expenditures for ARPA funding as determined by guidance from the U.S. Department of Treasury and in accordance with the Department of the Treasury Final Rule (31 CFR Part 35 RIN 1505-AC77 “Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds”).

BUDGET IMPACT: The City of Pahokee was allocated \$3,162,890. The funds were received in two tranches.

LEGAL NOTE: N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Community & Economic Development recommends approval of the recommended utilize spending of funds (\$3,162,890.00) in accordance with the budget (Exhibit “A”) for allowable expenditures for ARPA funding as determined by guidance from the U.S. Department of Treasury and in accordance with the Department of the Treasury Final Rule (31 CFR Part 35 RIN 1505-AC77 “Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds”).

ATTACHMENTS:

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Exhibit “A”

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