

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 12**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS OF 2021 TO ESTABLISH A MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR A TOTAL ALLOCATION AMOUNT OF \$30,000.00 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, an ARPA Agreement was entered into between the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management (the "Division") and City of Pahokee (the "Non-Entitlement Unit" or "Recipient") on September 7, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, The State of Florida, through the Division, will made a disbursement of each non-entitlement unit of local government's allocation. The total Fiscal Recovery Funds allocation for Recipient under the ARPA Agreement is Three Million, One Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand, Eight Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$3,162,890.00) received in two (2) tranches; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Pahokee desires to establish a Mental Health Wellness and Assistance Program for a total amount not to exceed Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) utilizing ARPA funds for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission desires to accept the City Manager's recommendation for a Mental Health Wellness and Assistance Program, as set forth by the program terms attached hereto as Exhibit "A" as in the best interest of the City of Pahokee.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** Adoption of Representations. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

**Section 2.** Authorization of City Manager. The City Commission of the City of Pahokee Florida hereby authorizes the use of American Rescue Plan Act Funds of 2021 for the establishment of a Mental Health Wellness and Assistance Program, as set forth in Exhibit "A". The City Commission further authorizes the City Manager to expend funds up to a total allocation amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars for the fiscal year 2022-2023.

**Section 3.** Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

**PASSED** and **ADOPTED** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023.

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Keith W. Babb, Jr., Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Tijuana Warner, CMC, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:**

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Burnadette Norris-Weeks, P.A.  
City Attorney

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

**VOTE:**

Mayor Babb	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Vice Mayor Murvin	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Commissioner Boldin	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Commissioner Gonzalez	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Commissioner Perez	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)



## EXHIBIT A

# MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Amid COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Pahokee has instituted a Mental Health Wellness and Assistance Program. The intent of the Program is to provide residents in need of mental health assistance the opportunity to attain supportive services and local mental health organizations with the opportunity to provide mental health support services and education to residents in need. Funding shall be available to Pahokee residents only and on a limited, first-come, first-serve basis. The maximum program award per applicant shall not exceed \$300.

### **Program Eligibility**

- 1) Individuals for which assistance is being requested must reside in the City of Pahokee city limits.
- 2) Residents applying for assistance must demonstrate loss during COVID-19 (March 1, 2020 to present).
- 3) Have difficulty in activities related to daily living.
- 4) Have a limited or non-existent support system.
- 5) Applicant's gross household income may not exceed the below listed Palm Beach County maximum "low income" levels:
  - Household Size of 1 - Maximum Eligible Income Level = \$40,600
  - Household Size of 2 - Maximum Eligible Income Level = \$46,400
  - Household Size of 3 - Maximum Eligible Income Level = \$52,200
  - Household Size of 4 - Maximum Eligible Income Level = \$58,000
  - Household Size of 5 - Maximum Eligible Income Level = \$62,650
  - Household Size of 6 - Maximum Eligible Income Level = \$67,300
  - Household Size of 7 - Maximum Eligible Income Level = \$71,950
  - Household Size of 8 - Maximum Eligible Income Level = \$76,600

Source: Palm Beach County and Florida Housing Finance Corporation

- 5) Assistance is available for the following:
  - Mental Health Wellness Services;
  - Mental Health Services;
  - Mental Health Service Providers;
  - Mental Health Education;

- Mental Health Resource Assistance
- 6) Financial assistance is not available for non-residents.
  - 7) The City reserves the right to disqualify candidates in the discretion of the City Manager.

**Application Submittal Requirements**

- 1) Residents applying for financial assistance shall submit a completed application to the City of Pahokee, 207 Begonia Drive, Pahokee, Florida 33476 (561) 924-5534.
- 2) In order to verify City of Pahokee residency, applicants must provide proof of residency in the form of a Palm Beach County Homestead Exemption, a State of Florida driver's license, a Florida identification card or other acceptable forms of proof of Pahokee residency.
- 3) In order to verify household income, applicants must submit a copy of their most recent federal income tax return, or three (3) most recent pay stubs, or social security payment, or disability statement, or verification statement for City review.

**After Completing Mental Health Wellness and Assistance Services:**

- 1) After submitting a written application to the City of Pahokee, City personnel will review and determine approval. Upon approval, the City will notify the resident of his/her acceptance. The resident must then provide an invoice from the approved health care provider billing the City up to \$300 for mental health services rendered within 3-5 business days of services rendered in accordance with all program requirements.
- 2) After submitting a written application to the City of Pahokee, City personnel will review and determine approval. Upon approval, the City will notify the mental health service provider of the organization's acceptance. The organization must then provide an invoice to the City of Pahokee, 207 Begonia Drive, Pahokee, FL 33476 detailing services rendered for mental health services rendered within 3-5 business days of services rendered not to exceed \$300 per resident in accordance with all program requirements.

***If you have any questions or concerns regarding this City of Pahokee program, please feel free to contact the City of Pahokee at (561) 924-5534***