

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Resolution to facilitate the disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding by 1) adopting the Human Services Commission's 2023-2024 ARPA Critical Human Services Needs Funding recommendations and 2) authorizing the City Manager or his designee to enter into contracts with local human services agencies in accordance with the recommendations.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Resolution adopting the Human Services Commission's 2023-2024 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Critical Human Services Needs Funding recommendations as directed by City Council at the May 1, 2023 Study Session.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 10253

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The City Council allocated \$10 million of the second tranche of ARPA funding for human services last fall. \$2.4 million was allocated for rental and mortgage assistance for immediate use and \$7.6 million was allocated for 2023-2024 with the adoption of the City's 2023-2024 budget. The \$7.6 million was allocated for four purposes. Approximately \$1.6 million was allocated to ensure the four 24/7 enhanced shelters received their full funding ask from the City of Bellevue; approximately \$2.7 million was allocated for additional funding for rental and mortgage assistance in 23-24; approximately \$3 million was allocated to address other critical human services needs in the community; and approximately \$300,000 was allocated to fund an LTE Human Services Planner to administer the funds including monitoring expenditures and required backup documentation.

On May 1, Council reviewed a presentation covering the Human Services Commission's recommendations for the \$3 million addressing critical human services needs in the community. Council directed staff to return with a resolution adopting those recommendations.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

The Human Services Commission is governed by Chapter 3.61 of the Bellevue City Code, which states that it shall review all requests for funding of human services and make recommendations to the City Council.

HS-8 Make Bellevue a welcoming, safe and just community marked by fairness and equity provided to those disproportionately affected by poverty, discrimination and victimization.

HS-11 Encourage culturally competent service delivery that respects the dignity of individuals and

families, and fosters self-determination and self-sufficiency.

HS-12. Support and actively coordinate with local, regional, and national efforts that address local human services needs to ensure local programs complement programs provided at the county, state and federal level

HS-14. Support agencies locating human services facilities in Bellevue and, where appropriate, encourage efficiencies through agency collocation and collaboration.

HS-16 Provide leadership and work in partnership with community agencies to encourage and promote the development and expansion of the supply of affordable, accessible, and quality child care which meets the diverse needs of the community in all areas of the city.

HS-18 Support an intentional local community response to homelessness with housing and supportive services provided to families, youth and single adults.

Fiscal Impact

This resolution will authorize the allocation of \$3,050,585 in 2023-2024 ARPA funds to local human services programs as recommended by the Human Services Commission.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution to facilitate the disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding by 1) adopting the Human Services Commission's 2023-2024 ARPA Critical Human Services Needs Funding recommendations and 2) authorizing the City Manager or his designee to enter into contracts with local human services agencies in accordance with the recommendations.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. 2023-2024 ARPA Critical Human Services Needs Funding recommendations

Proposed Resolution No. 10253

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N/A