

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 10253

A 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.

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has had severe and adverse public health and economic impacts on the federal, state, and local economies including the Bellevue economy; and

WHEREAS, within the City of Bellevue, as a consequence of the negative public health and economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, individuals and communities have been impacted and disproportionately impacted giving rise to needs for critical human services to address these impacts; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, President Joseph Biden signed ARPA into law, which allocated \$350 billion dollars to state and local governments to respond to the public health emergency caused by COVID-19 or its negative economic impact; and

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2021, the City of Bellevue was awarded \$20.1 million dollars in ARPA funds, which was distributed in two \$10 million tranches in August 2021 and June 2022; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 6698 adopted on November 21, 2022, the City's 2023-2024 Budget allocated approximately \$3 million of the City's APRA funding to address critical human services needs in the community; and

WHEREAS, disbursing ARPA funds for the purposes of responding to the most critical human service needs of Bellevue residents (including basic needs; behavioral health services; child care; civil legal aid; domestic violence and sexual assault survivor services; food insecurity; fostering well-being in the face of racial and ethnic discrimination; and homelessness services) is deemed to be an appropriate use of said funds under the Act and a necessary step to help individuals and the community recover from the negative public health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City released a Request for Proposal (RFP) to identify nonprofit organizations and other community organizations with a demonstrated capacity to provide services to address areas identified as the most critical human service needs of Bellevue residents (including basic needs; behavioral health services; child care; civil legal aid; domestic violence and sexual assault survivor services; food insecurity; fostering well-being in the face of racial and ethnic discrimination; and homelessness services); and

WHEREAS, the Human Services Commission has reviewed the applications received by the City response to the RFP and has provided 2023-2024 ARPA Critical Human Services Needs Funding Recommendations to the City consistent with its charge under chapter 3.61 BCC; and

WHEREAS, at its May 1, 2023, meeting, Council directed staff to prepare a resolution adopting the Human Services Commission's provided 2023-2024 ARPA Critical Human Services Needs Funding Recommendations; now, therefore

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council hereby adopts the 2023-2024 ARPA Critical Human Services Needs Funding Recommendations developed by the City of Bellevue Human Services Commission, as set forth in the document given Clerk's Receiving No. _____, to act as guidelines for the allocation 2023 and 2024 ARPA funds.

Section 2. The City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to enter into contracts with local human services agencies to carry out the services described in the recommendations in the amount of funding specified for each agency.

Section 3. The terms and conditions of any agreement shall ensure the City's funds are used for their intended purpose, consistent with the requirements of ARPA and direction previously provided by the City Council on May 1, 2023.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after its passage and legal publication.

Passed by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2023, and signed in authentication of its passage this _____ day of _____, 2023.

(SEAL)

Lynne Robinson, Mayor

Attest:

Charmaine Arredondo, City Clerk