

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**ITEM: 3.27
(ID # 18778)**

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, April 05, 2022

FROM : BOS DISTRICT 4:

SUBJECT: BOS DISTRICT 4: Fourth District Use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - Community Improvement Designation (CID) Funds for the Catholic Charities San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, Habitat for Humanity of the Coachella Valley, Inc, Angel View, Inc, Assistance League of Coachella Valley, Cove Communities Senior Association, Martha's Village & Kitchen, John F. Kennedy Memorial Foundation, Desert Best Friends Closet, Boys & Girls Club of Coachella Valley, Desert Recreation Foundation, United Way of the Desert, Borrego Community Health Foundation. [\$127,500 - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) 100%] (4/5 vote required)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1) Approve the use of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - Community Improvement Designation funds for:

1. Catholic Charities San Bernardino and Riverside Counties - \$10,000

1450 North D. Street
San Bernardino, CA 92405

2. Habitat for Humanity of the Coachella Valley, Inc. - \$10,000

72680 Dinah Shore Drive, #6
Palm Desert, CA 92211

3. Angel View, Inc - \$10,000

67625 E. Palm Canyon Drive, Suite 7A
Cathedral City, CA 92234

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ACTION:4/5 Vote Required

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Washington and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: April 5, 2022
xc: Fourth District, COB

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board

By 
Deputy

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RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 4. Assistance League of Coachella Valley - \$7,500**
P.O. Box 3056
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270
- 5. Cove Communities Senior Association - \$10,000**
Db a the Joslyn Center
73750 Catalina Way
Palm Desert, CA 92260
- 6. Martha's Village & Kitchen - \$10,000**
83791 Date Avenue
Indio, CA 92201
- 7. John F. Kennedy Memorial Foundation - \$5,000**
73555 San Gorgonio Way
Palm Desert, CA 92260
- 8. Desert Best Friends Closet - \$10,000**
74040 Highway 111, Suite F
Palm Desert, CA 92260
- 9. Boys & Girls Club of Coachella Valley - \$5,000**
42600 Cook St. Suite 120
Palm Desert, CA 92211
- 10. Desert Recreation Foundation - \$20,000**
45305 Oasis St.
Indio, CA 92201
- 11. United Way of the Desert - \$20,000**
P.O. Box 13210
Palm Desert, CA 92255
- 12. Borrego Community Health Foundation - \$10,000**
P.O. Box 2369
Borrego Springs, CA 92004

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 127,500	\$ 0	\$ 127,500	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 127,500	\$ 0	\$ 127,500	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)			Budget Adjustment: N/A	
100%			For Fiscal Year: 21/22	

BACKGROUND:

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, also called the COVID-19 Stimulus Package or the American Rescue Plan (ARP), is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill passed by the 117th United States Congress and signed into law by President Joe Biden on March 11, 2021, to accelerate the United States' recovery from the economic and health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The American Rescue Plan includes \$350 billion for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments. These funds known as the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provide a substantial infusion of resources to help turn the tide of the

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pandemic, address its economic fallout, and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery.

Congress provided State, local, and Tribal governments with significant resources to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and its economic impacts through four categories of eligible uses.:

- a) To respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality.
- b) To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers;
- c) For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency; and
- d) To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

Local non-profit organizations play a critical role in responding to the public health emergency and its negative economic impacts, by supporting the public health efforts, delivering essential social services, and supporting individuals and families in stabilizing economically. As such, it is essential that these organizations receive additional financial support to increase services and capacity during the pandemic. It is also important that this funding be distributed geographically throughout the County so that impacted groups, households, and individuals have access to this financial support.

On August 24, 2021, the Board of Supervisors authorized the allocation of \$1,000,000 in Federal funding under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) to the Community Improvement Designation Fund (CID) program to support COVID-19 response efforts and economic recovery within Riverside County. The Board further authorized that the allocation is distributed to each supervisorial district in the amount of \$200,000, to be awarded to local eligible non-profits through the established ARPA CID application and award process. The Community Improvement Designation Fund, known as the CID program, was established by the Board of Supervisors under the provisions of Government Code §26227 which authorizes the Board of Supervisors to appropriate and expend general fund monies to support programs that serve a public purpose by meeting the social needs of the population of the county. The CID program, as an existing funding vehicle, provides a mechanism to quickly deploy funding to non-profits on the front lines of the pandemic response efforts.

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To ensure compliance with the ARPA funding interim guidelines, County staff created an ARPA - CID supplemental application for eligible non-profit organizations. The application provides adequate detail pertaining to the funding program objectives, guidelines, eligibility criteria and compliance requirements for audit purposes. Furthermore, staff prepared an ARPA non-profits administration process which provides details related to the applications eligibility determination and processing based on eligibility recommendations to be provided by the Executive Office to Board staff. As part of the process, Board staff will be submitting recommendations for awards monthly, as applications are submitted, and eligibility is determined.

On October 13, 2021, County staff held an ARPA non-profits funding workshop to walk eligible organizations through the ARPA CID application(s) process, funding objectives and eligibility criteria according to the U.S. Treasury interim funding guidelines.

1. Catholic Charities San Bernardino & Riverside Counties funding will assist their Homeless Prevention Program. It will help provide rental assistance, casework and advocacy and other financial assistance within the Fourth District.
2. Habitat for Humanity funding will support the Housing Insecurity Prevention Program, which provides a multi-faced approach to reduce housing and financial insecurity risks and address issues precipitated by the covid-19 pandemic for low-income households.
3. Angel View, Inc funding will benefit the families assisted by Angel View Children's Outreach program who have been heavily impacted by Covid-19. The program will provide individualized case management and education support services to local children with disabilities to address housing needs; help clients apply for medical benefits and/or advocate for payment of claims; address food security and other economic issues etc.
4. Assistance League Coachella Valley funding will assist the Operation School Bell program which provides clothing to public school elementary students, who are under-served, under-represented, and have limited or no resources. Covid-19 has disproportionately affected families and providing clothing and hygiene kits will relieve some financial stress.
5. Joslyn Center funding will assist the Joslyn Wellness Center Counseling Program which expands out to veterans and their families to help alleviate depression and anxiety brought by Covid-19, by providing evidence-based programs and services to address early intervention mental health issues.
6. Martha's Village & Kitchen funding will assist the Martha's Homeless Covid-19 Safety Project, which provides covid-19 Rapid Response Tests, and PPE including masks, gloves, HEPA filters at both Indio and Palm Springs sites.

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7. John F. Kennedy Memorial Foundation funding will assist the SafeCare Home Visitation Program which is a parent training and support program for families in need of extra help to keep their families safe and healthy. The goals of the program are to improve parenting skills and overall family functioning, prevent/reduce child neglect and/or abuse, and ultimately improve child well-being including physical health, behavioral health, development, and school readiness.
8. Desert Best Friends Closet funding will help will funding lost during the covid-19 pandemic shutdown. Desert Best Friends Closet (DBFC) educates and empowers clients for success in employment and life. Their programs focus on lowering barriers to employment, 100% of their clients are low-income. DBFC suffered losses due to shutting their doors and canceling their spring fundraiser.
9. Boys and Girls Club of Coachella Valley funding will support the urgent need for updated laptops, and tablets used at the four clubhouses, which were used as Distance Learning Centers during the pandemic.
10. Desert Recreation Foundation funding will be used for their Financial Assistance Program which helps families and individuals participate in Desert Recreation District activities and programs at reduced or no cost.
11. United Way of the Desert funding will be used to support the COVID Recovery Program; direct client assistance to help pay for a healthcare, childcare, or housing care (not to include rent) bill for Coachella Valley residents financially impacted by COVID-19.
12. Borrego Community Health Foundation funding will help support connecting the community to healthcare, through community outreach, eligibility assistance, community education and provide enrollment assistance or Covered California, Medi-Cal, and other support programs.