



County of El Paso Agenda Item Details

Item Title:	Economic Development - ARPA NOFO Contract Amendments Term Extensions (2024-0427, 2024-0658, 2024-0667, 2024-0669, 2024-0673, 2024-0689)
Submitted By:	Roberto Ransom, Director
Department:	Economic Development
Department Phone Number:	915-546-2177
Subject:	<p>(ARP Project No. 1371) Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the El Paso County American Rescue Plan Act Notice of Funding Opportunity Subrecipient Agreement Amendments with the following community partners and agencies: PHIX (2024-0427), Candlelighters of El Paso (2024-0658), Project Arriba (2024-0667), El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank (2024-0669), La Posada Home (2024-0673), and Paso Del Norte Children's Development Center (2024-0689). Funds are available in SG-ARPLAN21-OPERATING EX.</p>
Background:	<p>Explanation of Amendments:</p> <p>These amendments are intended to extend the original agreement terms with the listed agencies to end instead on 10/31/24 in order to allow them an additional month of time to spend down the funds allotted to them by the County using American Rescue Plan funds. With this term extension, some minor budget modifications have been made to their project line items without making any changes to the total award amounts. No additional funding is required for any of these amendments.</p> <p>Original Background:</p> <p>The County received \$163 million in American Rescue Plan funds. The funds are to be used for purposes obligated to no later than December 31, 2024. The Court approved various appropriations for a number of critical projects within the ARPA Portfolio in late October 2021. The Court directed staff to explore options on implementing publishing a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to provide direct aid and assistance to the local nonprofit community. Earlier this year, the Court authorized contracting the Paso del Norte</p>

Foundation to help establish and manage the \$9.7M allocated within the Portfolio for nonprofit agency assistance.

The Foundation completed the public outreach portion of their contract and presented the findings of the listening sessions for the Court's review, in addition to providing benchmark information to the Court on the rules and procedures other agencies have set to disburse CARES Act or ARPA funding. After the Court provided direction and guidance to staff at the April Special Session meeting, the Court finalized the scope of the notice of funding opportunity, thereby clearing the way to publish the final NOFO in May.

The deadline for this NOFO closed in June and applications were reviewed by an external review team in July and finalists were internally vetted in August. The Court took action and selected the finalists in October.

Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Impact Historical
\$9,638,987 (Total Value of All ARPA NOFO Contracts)

SG-ARPLAN21-OPERATING EX
COSG-7281-0002021-431-50-11000-0001-00000-600000-
GARPLAN 600000-605000-605106

Fiscal Impact Projected
No additional funding requested.

Long Account Number: Amount:

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0001-00000-600000- Amount: \$9,638,987.00

Budget or Unbudgeted Match:

Recommendation:

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Prior Action:

10/03/2022 - (ARP Project No. 1371) Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the project funding recommendation for applicants of the El Paso County American Rescue Plan Act Notice of Funding Opportunity for Nonprofit Agencies.

05/02/2022 - (ARP Project No. 1371) Approve and adopt the El Paso County Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for External Partner Agencies, and all related documents, rules and procedures, as presented by staff upon final legal review and

approval.

12/15/2022 - (ARP Project No. 1371) Approve and authorized the County Judge to execute the El Paso County American Rescue Plan Act Notice of Funding Opportunity Subrecipient or Beneficiary Agreements with various community partners and agencies as shown on the attached listing upon final legal review and approval.

02/13/2023 - Approve and authorize the Purchasing Agent to implement the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) and 2 CFR 200 Subchapter D thresholds for Federal funds for Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) recipients of ARPA funds to \$250,000 on informal procurement. Effective immediately upon approval. (1160-OP)

Strategic Plan:

Goal:

5. Promote Collaboration and Engagement

Objective:

5.1 Collaborate externally to achieve better outcomes

Strategic Plan Information:

n/a

**Estimated Time Needed
For This Item:**