



Board of County Commissioners

2401 SE Monterey Road
Stuart, Florida 34996

Agenda Item Summary

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Meeting Date: 10/5/2021

PLACEMENT: Consent

TITLE:

APPROVAL OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT NONPROFIT FUNDING RESTRUCTURING

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On June 22, 2021 staff presented to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) a plan to utilize American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money to address the negative impact of COVID-19 to Martin County. At that time staff suggested three (3) programs directed at the nonprofit and mental health communities. Staff has further reviewed the three programs and determined it would be more efficient to combine the three (3) programs into two (2) programs to address the community needs.

DEPARTMENT: Administration

PREPARED BY: **Name:** George M. Stokus
Title: Assistant County Administrator

REQUESTED BY: George M. Stokus, Assistant County Administrator

PRESET:

PROCEDURES: None

BACKGROUND/RELATED STRATEGIC GOAL:

On June 22, 2021, the BCC approved the creation of three programs which provided funding for Nonprofit Operations, Nonprofit Programming, and Mental Health Programs. The Nonprofit Operations and Mental Health Programs grants were approved to be administered by County staff. The Nonprofit Programming grants were approved to be administered by the United Way of Martin County. Upon further review, staff has concluded that it would be more efficient to combine Nonprofit Programming and Mental Health Programs into one Community Assistance Program (CAP). The Nonprofit Operations program, specifically the Community Partner Relief Program (CPR), would remain the same.

The CPR Program (\$1,250,000 - 2 years) offers reimbursement to eligible entities similar to the previous CARES program. Staff will review applications and award eligible nonprofits grants based on the guidelines outlined in ARPA. This was approved by the BCC and no further changes are requested.

Staff is recommending approval CAP (\$5,700,000 - 2 years) which is a grant program that combines the Nonprofit Programming and Mental Health Programs grants previously approved by the BCC.

Under CAP, nonprofit organizations will submit grant applications for the funding of programs and capital projects that are geared toward mitigating the negative social and economic impacts of COVID-19 experienced by Martin County residents in communities most disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. Some examples include:

- Workforce programs, such as job training for individuals who want and are available for work, including those who have looked for work sometime in the past 12 months or who are employed part-time but who want and are available for full-time work.
- Programs that work to accelerate rehiring, provide back to work incentives and address barriers impeding employment, such as childcare and transportation.
- Programs that address health disparities and social determinants of health.
- Programs that address educational disparities exacerbated by COVID-19.
- Programs that address mental health issues exacerbated by COVID-19.
 - Must deliver evidence-based psychotherapy.
- Capital projects that assist with providing affordable housing.

The programs or capital projects must specifically target at least one (1) of the five (5) ARPA eligible populations:

- Assist low-income communities designated by HUD (LMI).
- Assist families and individuals living in Qualified Census Tracts (QCT)*.
- Martin County Identified Area of Qualified Disadvantage (MCIA).
- A program or service for which eligibility criteria are such that the primary intended beneficiaries earn less than 60 percent (60%) of the median income of Martin County.
- A program or service for which the eligibility criteria are such that over 25 percent (25%) of intended beneficiaries are below the federal poverty line.

United Way of Martin County will serve as a consultant for the administration of the grant program, to assist in ranking grant applications and to assist with completing the reporting requirements set forth by ARPA.

ISSUES:

None

LEGAL SUFFICIENCY REVIEW:

Reviewed.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:**RECOMMENDATION**

Move that the Board approve the restructuring of the ARPA nonprofit programs to combine the Nonprofit Programming and Mental Health Programs grants into one Community Assistance Program.

ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

Pull from Consent and provide staff with further direction.

FISCAL IMPACT:**RECOMMENDATION**

None

Funding Source	County Funds	Non-County Funds
ARPA	0	\$6,950,000
Subtotal	\$6,950,000	
Project Total	\$6,950,000	

ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

None

DOCUMENT(S) REQUIRING ACTION:

- ☐ Budget Transfer / Amendment ☐ Chair Letter ☐ Contract / Agreement
☐ Grant / Application ☐ Notice ☐ Ordinance ☐ Resolution
☐ Other:

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