

City of Austin

301 W. Second Street Austin TX

Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-2277, Agenda Item #: 78.

6/10/2021

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Financial Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20200812-001) to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$49,400,000 from the U.S. Department of Treasury, available through the American Rescue Plan Act, for municipal purposes related to the Coronavirus disease outbreak and recovery efforts.

Lead Department

Budget Office

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$94,200,000 is available from the U.S. Department of Treasury, American Rescue Plan. A fiscal note is attached.

Prior Council Action:

May 6, 2021 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20210506-002 to accept \$97,900,000 in funds from the federal government, United States Department of Treasury, American Rescue Plan and appropriate \$44,800,000 for public health expenses related to the Coronavirus disease outbreak and recovery efforts and for community navigators to support the community.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

This item will appropriate an amount not to exceed \$49,400,000 from the United States (U.S). Federal Government American Rescue Plan Act (ARP). At the May 6, 2021 meeting, Council accepted \$97,900,000 in ARP funds and appropriated a total of \$44,800,000; \$44,300,000 for the Public Health Response to COVID-19 and \$500,000 in Economic Recovery Resources for Community Navigators. Since acceptance, the federal government informed the City the amount available for Austin is \$94,200,000 in fiscal year 2021, \$3,700,000 less than previously expected. The same amount in ARP funding is anticipated for fiscal year 2022.

For this amendment, funding not to exceed \$49,400,000 will be appropriated in accordance with Resolution No. 20210325-111 which directed the City Manager to use both federal American Rescue Plan Act funds, additional federal funding received by the City of Austin, and City funds in substantially the categories and allotments reflected in Exhibit A: the American Rescue Plan Act Spending Framework.

The Spending Framework for Fiscal Year 2021 and 2022 as well as the \$49,400,000 in ARP funds are detailed in the table on the following page.

Spending Framework:

	2021 ARP	2022 ARP	Total
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Public Health Response			
COVID response	\$44.3*		\$44.3
Economic Recovery Resources			
Navigators	\$0.5*		\$0.5
Homelessness	\$21.9	\$62.1	\$84.0
Prop B Implementation & Capacity Building	\$4.7		\$4.7
Early Childhood Care & Education	\$1.3	\$6.2	\$7.5
Workforce Development & Jobs	\$8.0		\$8.0
Food & Housing Insecurity	\$2.0	\$1.0	\$3.0
HOT-funded Services			
Cultural Arts Fund	\$3.9	\$3.9	\$7.8
Historic Preservation Fund	\$5.0	\$5.0	\$10.0
Live Music Fund	\$1.1	\$1.1	\$2.2
Immediate Relief Needs			
Colony Park Sustainable Community	\$1.5		\$1.5
Rent/RISE		\$0.8	\$0.8
Contingency (10%)		\$14.1	\$14.1
Total Spending	\$94.2	\$94.2	\$188.4

^{*} ARPA funding previously appropriated by Council at the May 6, 2021 meeting

<u>Strategic Outcome(s):</u> Government that Works for All.