



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT



March 28, 2023

ITEM TITLE

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA): Approve an ARPA Spending Plan Amendment and Subrecipient Agreements for SBCS Domestic Violence Program, SBCS Casa Nueva Vida Shelter Operations, and Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank, and Reallocate Funds

Report Number: 23-0074

Location: 31 4th Avenue

Department: Housing and Homeless Services

Environmental Notice: The activity is not a “Project” as defined under Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to State Guidelines Section 15060(c)(3) no environmental review is required. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the activity qualifies for an Exemption pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines.

Recommended Action

Adopt a resolution (1) approving a fourth amendment to the American Rescue Plan Act Spending Plan, (2) approving sub-recipient agreements with the SBCS Corporation for the Domestic Violence Program and Casa Nueva Vida Shelter Operations, (3) approving a sub-recipient agreement with Jacobs and Cushman San Diego Food Bank and (4) reallocating funds and amending CIP budget for those purposes. **(4/5 Vote Required)**

SUMMARY

On May 10, 2021, the U.S. Department of the Treasury announced the launch of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”), to provide \$350 billion in emergency funding for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments. The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provide substantial flexibility for each jurisdiction to meet local needs—including support for households, small businesses, impacted industries, essential workers, and the communities hardest-hit by the crisis.

The City received a total of \$57.5 million, which was appropriated by the City Council with the initial plan presented on August 24, 2021 and the fiscal year 2022-23 adopted budget. This action proposes to reallocate \$200,000 in previously appropriated ARPA funds to the SBCS Corporation (SBCS) Domestic Violence Program, \$400,000 to the SBCS Casa Nueva Vida Shelter Operations, and \$100,000 to the Jacobs & Cushman

San Diego Food Bank by amending the Spending Plan to reallocate \$600,000 within the Public Health Category and reallocate \$100,000 from the Revenue Recovery Category to the Public Health Category. Furthermore, this item authorizes Subrecipient Agreements with SBCS and the Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank for these items.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The proposed activity has been reviewed for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and it has been determined that the activity is not a “Project” as defined under Section 15378 of the state CEQA Guidelines; therefore, pursuant to Section 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Although environmental review is not required at this time, once the scope of potential project(s) has been defined, environmental review will be required for each project and the appropriate environmental determination will be made. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it has also been determined that the activity qualifies for an Exemption pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act State Guidelines. Thus, no environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Not applicable.

DISCUSSION

With the launch of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, eligible jurisdictions have been able to bolster their response to the COVID-19 emergency and its economic impacts, through ARPA funding to support the immediate pandemic response, provide for basic emergency needs, bring back jobs, and lay the groundwork for a strong and equitable recovery. The Treasury has launched much-needed relief to more specifically:

- Support urgent COVID-19 response efforts to continue to decrease spread of the virus and bring the pandemic under control;
- Replace lost public sector revenue to strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs;
- Support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses; and
- Address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the inequal impact of the pandemic on certain populations.

Programs

The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provide substantial flexibility for each jurisdiction to meet local needs—including support for households, small businesses, impacted industries, essential workers, and the communities hardest-hit by the crisis. This action will assist the following three programs continue to provide services impacted by increased need, due to the pandemic.

(1) The SBCS Domestic Violence Program provides therapeutic counseling and crisis intervention services to adult and children victims of family violence (“DV”). The Family Violence Treatment Program provides therapeutic counseling and crisis intervention services to adult and children victims of family violence which include the following activities:

- Domestic Violence response Team (“DVRT”) for emergency responses, 24 hr. hotline assistance for DV victims, and 24 hr. access to emergency shelter;
- Strengths-based Assessments and Safety Planning for DV victims and their children;

- Individual counseling and group/family counseling;
- Unique therapeutic pre-school, Mi Escuelita, for child victims of family violence; and
- On-going case management and support for victims.

All clients also have access to any of SBCS' other programs including emergency and transitional housing, financial self-sufficiency services, and/or job development. All Family Violence Treatment Program services are on-going and ARPA funds will assist SBCS to maintain/increase the number of calls responded to through the DVRT—the entry point for many victims to get the assistance they need to re-build safe, stable and healthy lives for themselves and their children.

(2) Casa Nueva Vida offers the only short-term shelter/housing program for homeless families (with children) in the South Bay region, including victims of domestic violence. Staff utilize a comprehensive strengths-based assessment and an individualized treatment plan, to include any number of services including case management, counseling, employment assistance, childcare, etc. so each client can work to re-establish a self-sufficient lifestyle free from homelessness. Without supportive housing programs like Casa Nueva Vida, more individuals would be forced to live on the streets.

(3) The Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank has been on the front lines of the Coronavirus crisis since the pandemic hit our community in March 2020. Along with volunteers and a network of nonprofit partners, they have been providing emergency food assistance to individuals and families impacted by the pandemic. With a new allocation of funding and working closely with over 35 Chula Vista nonprofit partners, the San Diego Food Bank will serve as the main point of contact for food distribution and ensure that the City of Chula Vista continues to provide assistance to our neighbors in need.

ARPA Spending Plan & Conclusion

Table 1 reflects the new proposed allocation of ARPA funds.

Table 1
Fourth Amendment to the ARPA Spending Plan

City of Chula Vista - ARPA Spending Plan				
Category	FY 2022 Amended Budget	FY 2023 Amended Budget*	FY 2023 Proposed Adjustments	Total Budget with Proposed Adjustments
EC 1 - Public Health	\$ 9,867,625	\$ 10,067,625	\$ -	\$ 19,935,250
HVAC (Project GGV0261)	9,000,000	9,500,000	(600,000)	17,900,000
COVID Testing/Vaccinations	667,625	567,625	-	1,235,250
Domestic Violence	200,000	-	600,000	800,000
EC 2 - Negative Economic Impacts	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 400,000
Jacobs and Cushman San Diego Food Bank	100,000	-	100,000	200,000
Alpha Project - Take Back the Streets	100,000	-	-	100,000
Homeless Supportive Services	100,000	-	-	100,000
EC 2 - Economic Development	\$ 2,900,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,900,000
Small Business Grants	2,600,000	-	-	2,600,000
Choose Chula	100,000	-	-	100,000
Curb/Sidewalk Café Grant	200,000	-	-	200,000
EC 3 - Premium Pay to Essential Workers	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,534,451	\$ -	\$ 2,534,451
EC 5 - Infrastructure	\$ 900,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 900,000
Broadband Design (Project GGV0263)	900,000	-	-	900,000
EC 6 - Revenue Recovery	\$ 13,923,000	\$ 17,042,549	\$ (100,000)	\$ 30,865,549
Governmental Funds	13,923,000	17,042,549	(100,000)	30,865,549
TOTAL	\$ 28,890,625	\$ 28,644,625	\$ -	\$ 57,535,250

* As of December 6, 2022

+Public Health Category: New allocation of \$600,000 for the Domestic Violence. Item includes both allocations for SBCS Domestic Violence Program and Casa Nueva Vida Shelter Operations

+Negative Economic Impacts Category: New allocation of \$100,000 for Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank

-Public Health Category: HVAC allocation reduced by \$600,000

-Revenue Category: Governmental Funds allocation reduced by \$100,000

With a new allocation of funding, the SBCS Domestic Violence Program and Casa Nueva Vida Shelter Operations will provide assistance to victims of domestic violence as cases have significantly increased since the start of the pandemic, while the Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank will provide crucial nutrition to all Chula Vista residents in need, as individuals and families continue to recover from pandemic impacts.

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has reviewed the property holdings of the City Council and has found that, Mayor John McCann has real property holdings within 500 feet of the boundaries of the property located at 31 4th Avenue which is the subject of this action. Consequently, pursuant to California Code of Regulations Title 2, sections 18700 and 18702.2(a)(7), this item presents a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov't Code § 87100, et seq.) for the above-identified member.

Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by any City Council member, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision-maker conflict of interest in this matter.

CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

There is no current year fiscal impact to the City's General Fund as all costs associated with the program are covered by available American Rescue Plan Act funds. Approval of the resolution reallocates \$700,000 in ARPA funds that have been previously appropriated and reduces associated CIP budget (GGV0261).

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

There is no ongoing fiscal impact to the City's General Fund as all costs associated with the program are covered by available American Rescue Plan Act funds.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Subrecipient Agreement - SBCS Domestic Violence Program
2. Subrecipient Agreement – SBCS Casa Nueva Vida Shelter Operations
3. Subrecipient Agreement – Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank

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