

AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: May 17, 2022
DEPARTMENT: County Manager
REQUESTER: Roger Desjarlais
TITLE: Approve American Rescue Plan Recovery & Resilience Program Subrecipient Agreement

I. MOTION REQUESTED

Approve agreement associated with the American Rescue Plan Act Recovery & Resilience program for workforce training and certification (micro-credentialing) with the School Board of Lee County (adult education).

II. ITEM SUMMARY

Awards a subrecipient agreement to the School Board of Lee County adult education soft skills micro-credentialing program. This Board action will obligate \$750,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding as approved by the BoCC on March 1, 2022. The award is part of the ARPA workforce training and certification program that includes FGCU, FSW, Hodges University and the school district as partners.

III. BACKGROUND AND IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

A) Board Action and Other History

The BoCC participated in an ARPA workshop on September 7, 2021. On October 19, 2021 the BoCC authorized Phase One investments for American Rescue Plan Act funding. On December 7, 2021 the BoCC approved a contract for ARPA management consulting with Ernst & Young U.S. LLP. On February 11, 2022 during its Strategic Planning session the BoCC provided consensus policy direction for Phase Two investments under the American Rescue Plan Act. Phase Two investments for American Rescue Plan Act funding were approved by the BoCC on March 1, 2022. Lee County has submitted all required reports to US Treasury.

B) Policy Issues

C) BoCC Goals

D) Analysis

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) provides \$149,675,549 in direct local funding assistance for Lee County. The first half of the County's award has been received and the second half is expected in mid-2022.

In conformance with the Department of the Treasury Final Rule, Lee County's ARPA Plan will encompass programs and projects to address the approved areas: public health response; negative economic impacts to households, small businesses, and nonprofits; services to disproportionately impacted communities; core government service; and infrastructure.

The workforce training and certification program will use \$3,000,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. On March 15, 2022 the BoCC obligated \$2,250,000 in funding to Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU), Florida Southwestern State College (FSW) and Hodges University, Inc. Pursuant to the workforce and certification program the School Board of Lee County Florida adult education soft skills micro-credentialing program will receive \$750,000 in funding through December 31, 2024. The offering includes 8 micro-credentials for soft-skills with each requiring twelve hours of instruction. Micro-credentials are available for: Collaboration, Creative Problem Solving, Critical Thinking, Empathy, Initiative, Intercultural Fluency, Oral Communication, and Resilience.

Subrecipient projects will be monitored for federal compliance. The subrecipients are required to report quarterly to Lee County on project progress and performance. Lee County will review and submit the required quarterly and annual reports to the US Treasury with information related to each of these projects.

E) Options

Approve attached agreements in their entirety or approve individual agreements.

IV. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A)	Current year dollar amount of item:	See Comments below.
B)	Is this item approved in the current budget?	No
C)	Is this a revenue or expense item?	Expense
D)	Is this Discretionary or Mandatory?	Discretionary
E)	Will this item impact future budgets? If yes, please include reasons in III(D) above.	Yes

F)	Fund: American Rescue Plan Act: Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Program: Project: Account Strings: 11129500100	
G)	Fund Type?	Other: American Rescue Plan Act: Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
H)	Comments: The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) provides \$149,675,549 in direct local funding assistance for Lee County. The funds need to be obligated by 2024 and expended by 2026. Lee County will allocate funding to the School Board of Lee County \$750,000 from January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2024.	

V. RECOMMENDATION

Approve

VI. TIMING/IMPLEMENTATION

VII. FOLLOW UP

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
ARPA Subrecipient Agreement - School Board of Lee County	5/9/2022	Agreement

REVIEWERS:

Department	Reviewer	Action	Date
County Manager	Salyer, Glen	Approved	5/9/2022 - 9:36 AM
Budget Services	Henkel, Anne	Approved	5/9/2022 - 10:04 AM
Budget Services	Winton, Peter	Approved	5/9/2022 - 10:35 AM
County Attorney	Fraser, Andrea	Approved	5/10/2022 - 1:42 PM
County Manager	Salyer, Glen	Approved	5/10/2022 - 3:01 PM