

AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: March 1, 2022
DEPARTMENT: County Manager
REQUESTER: Roger Desjarlais
TITLE: Execute Agreements Associated with Phase One Investments for American Rescue Plan Act Funding

I. MOTION REQUESTED

Approve agreements associated with the American Rescue Plan Act Recovery & Resilience programs for: small business technical assistance with Florida SBDC at Florida Gulf Coast University, SW Florida Impact Partners, Goodwill, Southwest Regional Manufacturers Association, and SCORE; a grant program for human service nonprofits to deliver direct services administered by United Way; and enhancements to United Way's community program services.

II. ITEM SUMMARY

Awards subrecipient agreements to implement multiple Phase One programs associated with Lee County's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Recovery & Resilience Plan. SWFL Impact Partners, Small Business Development Center, Goodwill, SCORE and Southwest Regional Manufacturers Association will utilize funding to provide small business technical assistance to eligible companies. United Way of Lee County will receive 1) a \$3 million grant to enhance its service delivery to the community, and 2) a grant to manage the distribution of up to \$16.2 million of funding to nonprofit human service agencies for direct service delivery to the community. This Board action will allocate \$20,475,000 as approved by the BoCC on October 19, 2021.

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. 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 Interim 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.

Pursuant to the small business technical assistance program, Small Business Development Center (SBDC) will receive \$250,000 in funding through December 31, 2023; SWFL Impact Partners will receive \$100,000 in funding through December 31, 2023; Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc will receive \$50,000 in funding through December 31, 2023; Southwest Regional Manufacturers Association (SRMA) will receive \$50,000 in funding through December 31, 2024; and SCORE of Southwest Florida will receive \$25,000 in funding through December 31, 2024.

United Way of Lee County will receive two grants: 1) To manage the distribution of up to \$16.2 million of funding to nonprofit human service agencies for direct service delivery to the community; and 2) \$3 million for United Way of Lee County to enhance its direct community services.

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

Approval all 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: 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.	

V. RECOMMENDATION

Approve

VI. TIMING/IMPLEMENTATION

VII. FOLLOW UP

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
1 - Subrecipient ARPA - Technical Asst FSBDC	2/18/2022	Agreement
2 - Subrecipient ARPA - Technical Asst SWFIP	2/18/2022	Agreement
3 - Subrecipient ARPA - Technical Asst Goodwill	2/18/2022	Agreement
4 - Subrecipient ARPA - Technical Asst SRMA	2/18/2022	Agreement
5 - Subrecipient ARPA - Technical Asst SCORE	2/18/2022	Agreement
6 - Subrecipient ARPA - NP HS Grants United Way	2/18/2022	Agreement
7 - Subrecipient ARPA - United Way	2/18/2022	Agreement
030122R-A-2-Phase One Investments for ARPA Grant Agreement(s)	3/16/2022	Agreement

REVIEWERS:

Department	Reviewer	Action	Date
County Manager	Salyer, Glen	Approved	2/18/2022 - 1:19 PM
Budget Services	Henkel, Anne	Approved	2/18/2022 - 2:58 PM
Budget Services	Winton, Peter	Approved	2/18/2022 - 3:31 PM
County Attorney	Fraser, Andrea	Approved	2/21/2022 - 7:47 AM
County Manager	Salyer, Glen	Approved	2/21/2022 - 9:21 AM