



AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: March 15, 2022
DEPARTMENT: County Manager
REQUESTER: Roger Desjarlais
TITLE: Approve American Rescue Plan Recovery & Resilience Program Subrecipient Agreements

I. MOTION REQUESTED

Approve agreements associated with the American Rescue Plan Act Recovery & Resilience programs for: workforce training and certification (micro and rapid credentialing) with Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU), Florida Southwestern State College (FSW), and Hodges University; supportive services for persons who are homeless with Catholic Charities Diocese of Venice, Inc., Affordable Homeownership Foundation Inc. (AHF), and Community Assisted and Supportive Living, Inc. (CASL); and support to childcare providers with the Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida, Inc.

II. ITEM SUMMARY

Provides American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for: 1) workforce training and occupational certifications to Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU), Florida Southwestern State College (FSW), and Hodges University; 2) supportive services for persons who are experiencing homelessness to Charities Diocese of Venice, Affordable Homeownership Foundation, and Community Assisted and Supportive Living (CASL); and 3) support for childcare providers (with a focus on new, expanded and enhanced school readiness services) to Early Learning Coalition of SWFL. This Board action will obligate \$6,250,000 of ARPA funding as approved by the BoCC on October 19, 2021 and March 1, 2022.

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. 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 workforce and certification program \$2,250,000 will be distributed. Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) will receive \$1,000,000 in funding through December 31, 2024; Florida Southwestern State College (FSW) will receive \$1,000,000 in funding through December 31, 2024; Hodges University, Inc. will receive \$250,000 in funding through December 31, 2024.

A notice of available funding for American Rescue Plan Funds to provide supportive services for persons experiencing homelessness resulted in three funding awards totaling \$1,000,000. Catholic Charities Diocese of Venice, Inc. will receive \$478,992.17 in funding through December 31, 2024, Affordable Homeownership Foundation Inc. (AHF) will receive \$167,362.17 in funding through December 31, 2024, and Community Assisted and Supportive Living, Inc. (CASL) will receive \$357,645.66 in funding through December 31, 2024.

To administer a program to provide grants to childcare providers with a focus on new, expanded and enhanced school readiness services the Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida, Inc. will receive \$3,000,000 in funding through December 31, 2024.

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
Subrecipient ARPA - Workforce FGCU	3/1/2022	Agreement
Subrecipient ARPA - Workforce FSW	3/1/2022	Agreement
Subrecipient ARPA - Workforce Hodges	3/1/2022	Agreement
Subrecipient ARPA - SupportiveSvc CCDOV	3/1/2022	Agreement
Subrecipient ARPA - SupportiveSvc AHF	3/1/2022	Agreement
Subrecipient ARPA - SupportiveSvc CASL	3/1/2022	Agreement
Subrecipient ARPA - Childcare ELC	3/1/2022	Agreement

REVIEWERS:

Department	Reviewer	Action	Date
County Manager	Salyer, Glen	Approved	3/2/2022 - 12:29 PM
Budget Services	Henkel, Anne	Approved	3/2/2022 - 2:02 PM
Budget Services	Winton, Peter	Approved	3/3/2022 - 8:23 AM
County Attorney	Swindle, Amanda	Approved	3/3/2022 - 8:46 AM
County Manager	Salyer, Glen	Approved	3/4/2022 - 8:01 AM