

AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: June 21, 2022
DEPARTMENT: County Manager
REQUESTER: Roger Desjarlais
TITLE: Allocate American Rescue Plan Funds and Approve Subrecipient Agreements for Affordable Housing

I. MOTION REQUESTED

- A) Re-allocate \$2,500,000 in American Rescue Plan that was previously allocated, but not obligated, to: food distribution (\$465,000); job training reimbursements (\$2,000,000); small business technical assistance (\$25,000); and COVID-19 testing site traffic detail (\$10,000) to support affordable housing development.
- B) Approve agreement associated with the American Rescue Plan Act Recovery & Resilience programs for affordable housing development with Southwest Florida Affordable Housing Choice Foundation Inc. and Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties, Inc.
- C) Approve attached revisions to the American Rescue Plan Act Recovery & Resilience Plan Approved Allocations.

II. ITEM SUMMARY

Provides \$5,000,000 to the Southwest Florida Affordable Housing Choice Foundation, Inc. for preservation and reconstruction of 375 units in the Southward Village public housing complex; and \$2,500,000 to Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry County, Inc. for infrastructure development in a planned 36 single family home subdivision. This Board action will obligate \$7,500,000 of American Rescue Plan Act funding. Both projects will leverage additional grant funding and donations for project completion.

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 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 to address public health response; negative economic impacts to households, small businesses, and nonprofits; services to disproportionately impacted communities; core government service; and infrastructure.
 The Southwest Florida Affordable Housing Choice Foundation Inc. will receive \$5,000,000 in funding through December 31, 2024. The funding will be used to support the redevelopment and expansion of the Southward Village public housing complex. The current complex has 195 units of public housing. This investment will result in the reconstruction of those units and the addition of 185 units in the same complex. Units will be rented to households with income at or below 140% of the area median income.

 Habitat for Humanity of Lee County will receive \$2,500,000 in funding through December 31, 2024. The funding will be used to support the development of infrastructure in the planned McNeil subdivision. The project will result in the creation of 36 single family homes. Units will be sold to households with income at or below 80% of the area median income.

 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

IV. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A)	Current year dollar amount of item:	\$7,500,000
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.	
F)	Fund: Program: Project: Account Strings:	
G)	Fund Type?	Other: American Rescue Plan Act: Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
H)	Comments: Funding through December 31, 2024: Southwest Florida Affordable Housing Choice Foundation Inc.: \$5,000,000 Habitat for Humanity: \$2,500,000 Total: \$7,500,000	

V. RECOMMENDATION

Approve

VI. TIMING/IMPLEMENTATION

Agreement with the Southwest Florida Affordable Housing Choice Foundation Inc. will be executed prior to July 1, 2022. Agreement with Habitat for Humanity will be executed prior to August 1, 2022.

The Southwest Florida Affordable Housing Choice Foundation Inc. estimates that some housing units will be leasing near the end of calendar year 2023.

VII. FOLLOW UP

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
ARPA Allocations Update - June 21, 2022	6/14/2022	Backup Material
ARPA SRA - SWFL Affordable Housing Choice Foundation	6/15/2022	Backup Material
ARPA SRA - Habitat for Humanity	6/15/2022	Backup Material

REVIEWERS:

Department	Reviewer	Action	Date
County Manager	Salyer, Glen	Approved	6/10/2022 - 9:29 AM
Budget Services	Henkel, Anne	Approved	6/10/2022 - 2:27 PM
Budget Services	Winton, Peter	Approved	6/10/2022 - 3:13 PM
County Attorney	Wesch, Richard Wm.	Approved	6/13/2022 - 9:31 AM
County Manager	Salyer, Glen	Approved	6/15/2022 - 8:58 AM