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**To:** Harris County Commissioners Court

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**Subject:** COVID-19 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Equity Framework  
**Project ID (If applicable):** N/A

**Purpose and Request:**  
 Request by Budget Management, Department of Economic Equity and Opportunity, Community Services, and the Commissioners Court’s Analyst’s Office for approval of an Equity Framework applicable to projects funded by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA).

**Background and Discussion:**  
 On March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Commissioners Court approved a motion directing the Budget Management Department, the Department of Economic Equity and Opportunity, the Community Services Department, and the Commissioners Court’s Analyst’s Office to create an Equity Framework for use in guiding investments funded by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). The attached Equity Framework describes goals and strategies for advancing equity in the selection, development, implementation, and evaluation of projects funded by ARPA.

**Fiscal Impact:** No financial impact.

**Fiscal Summary**

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 20-21</b>	<b>FY 21-22 Projected</b>	<b>Future Years Projected [3 additional years]</b>
<b>Service Impacted:</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
Existing Budget	N/A	N/A	N/A
Additional Appropriation	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total Expenditures</b>			
<b>Funding Sources</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
Existing Department Budget	N/A	N/A	N/A
Please Identify Funding Sources Special Revenue, Grant, etc.	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total Sources</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Alternatives:** N/A

**Alignment with Strategic Objective:** This Equity Framework is aligned with the overall Harris County vision of building “a more dynamic, vibrant, and resilient community while being inclusive, equitable, and transparent in all that we do” together with the strategic objective of recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Attachments:** ARPA Equity Framework