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**Title:** Request by Budget Management for approval of contracts with BakerRipley and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston for rental assistance application processing and payment, funded by additional allocations to the US Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program via the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

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**To:** Harris County Commissioners Court

**Through:** David Berry, Executive Director, Budget Management Department

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**Subject:** COVID: Rental Assistance Expansion

**Project ID (If applicable):**

**Purpose and Request:**

Request by Budget Management for approval of contracts with BakerRipley and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston for rental assistance application processing and payment, funded by additional allocations to the US Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program via the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

**Background and Discussion:**

Since January, the Houston-Harris County Rental Assistance Program, implemented in collaboration with the City of Houston, has assisted over 24,000 households struggling with impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) has made additional funding available under similar program guidelines. With the first 40% of these Emergency Rental Assistance Program 2 (ERAP 2) funds, Harris County seeks to continue to support residents experiencing housing insecurity, providing payment for past-due and future rent to help families remain stably housed.

**Fiscal Impact:** Funds will be provided from the US Treasury ERAP 2 funds.

**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> Rental processing and payment			
BakerRipley		\$12,000,000	
Catholic Charities		<u>\$12,000,000</u>	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b><u>\$24,000,000</u></b>	
<b>Funding Sources</b>			
US Treasury Emergency		\$24,000,000	
<b>Total Sources</b>		<b><u>\$24,000,000</u></b>	

**Alternatives:**

Ongoing high levels of eviction place families at increased risk of homelessness, COVID-19, and other adverse impacts.

**Alignment with Strategic Objective:**

Aligned with Strategic Objectives of recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and our County-wide Housing goals.

**Attachments:** Contracts to follow.