



## Legislation Details (With Text)

**File #:** 22-5471 **Version:** 1 **Name:**  
**Type:** Transfer of Funds Only **Status:** Passed  
**File created:** 9/2/2022 **In control:** Commissioners Court  
**On agenda:** 9/13/2022 **Final action:** 9/13/2022  
**Title:** Request by the Office of the County Engineer for approval to appropriate \$2,698,581 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to support water and wastewater projects. These funds will be allocated between labor and non-labor expenses on an as needed basis, and Engineering will transfer existing open PCNs from other internal departments to manage this work.

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| 9/13/2022 | 1    | Commissioners Court |        |        |

**Department:** County Engineer

**Department Head/Elected Official:** Dr. Milton Rahman - Executive Director & County Engineer

**Regular or Supplemental RCA:** Regular RCA

**Type of Request:** Transfer of Funds Only

**Project ID** (if applicable): ARPA\_WATER

**Vendor/Entity Legal Name** (if applicable): N/A

**MWDBE Contracted Goal** (if applicable): N/A

**MWDBE Current Participation** (if applicable): N/A

**Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal:** N/A - Goal not applicable to request

**Request Summary (Agenda Caption):**

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**Background and Discussion:**

Harris County Engineering Department provides project management support to infrastructure projects in the ARPA portfolio. The ARPA Steering Committee has recommended the use of Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for investment in projects increasing access to clean drinking water and functional sewer systems, especially in vulnerable communities and where minimizing environmental and public health impacts of septic system failures is critical. Five RFQs are in progress to select professional engineering services for feasibility studies and design of water and wastewater projects in five candidate project areas.

In support of this effort, the ARPA Steering Committee has authorized the use of ARPA funding for Engineering Department resources supporting the planning, management, and execution of these projects.

#### Expected Impact:

The approval of this transfer of funds would enable the assignment of Engineering resources to manage and execute ARPA water and wastewater projects. It would also allow for enhanced coordination and communication between the Engineering Department and Office of County Administration.

#### Alternative Options:

This allocation of funds is necessary to execute ARPA water and wastewater projects. Without these funds, the projects would need to be put on hold.

#### Alignment with Goal(s):

- ☐ Justice and Safety
- ☐ Economic Opportunity
- ☒ Housing
- ☒ Public Health
- ☐ Transportation
- ☐ Flooding
- ☒ Environment
- ☐ Governance and Customer Service

#### Prior Court Action (if any):

| Date | Agenda Item # | Action Taken |
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| N/A  |               |              |

#### Location:

Address (if applicable): N/A

Precinct(s): Countywide

| Fiscal and Personnel Summary   |           |        |                  |                    |
|--|-----------|--------|------------------|--------------------|
| Service Name   |           |        |                  |                    |
|  |           | SFY 22 | FY 23            | Next 3 FYs         |
| <b>Incremental Expenditures (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)</b> |           |        |                  |                    |
| Labor Expenditures   | \$        |        | \$ 624,270       | \$1,888,446        |
| Non-Labor Expenditures   | \$        |        | \$ 99,812        | \$86,053           |
| <b>Total Incremental Expenditures</b>  | <b>\$</b> |        | <b>\$724,082</b> | <b>\$1,974,499</b> |
| <b>Funding Sources (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)</b>          |           |        |                  |                    |
| Existing Budget  |           |        |                  |                    |
| 2651 - American Rescue Plan 2021   | \$        |        | \$724,082        | \$1,974,499        |

|   |           |                  |                    |
|---|-----------|------------------|--------------------|
| Choose an item.   | \$        | \$               | \$                 |
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| Total Current Budget  | \$        | \$724,082        | \$1,974,499        |
| Additional Budget Requested                                     |           |                  |                    |
| Choose an item.   | \$        | \$               | \$                 |
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| Total Additional Budget Requested                               | \$        | \$               | \$                 |
| <b>Total Funding Sources</b>                                    | <b>\$</b> | <b>\$724,082</b> | <b>\$1,974,499</b> |
| <b>Personnel</b> (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs) |           |                  |                    |
| Current Position Count for Service                              | -         | -                | -                  |
| Additional Positions Requested                                  | -         | -                | -                  |
| <b>Total Personnel</b>  | -         | -                | -                  |

**Anticipated Court Date:** September 13, 2022

**Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date):**

**Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note:** COVID-19 related item

**Contact(s) name, title, department:** David E. Bechtol, Chief Financial Officer, Engineering Department

**Attachments** (if applicable):