



Legislation Text

File #: 24-2137, **Version:** 1

Department: Public Health Services

Department Head/Elected Official: Barbie L. Robinson, MPP, JD, CHC – Executive Director

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Financial Authorization

Project ID (if applicable): ARPA_HLTHADMIN

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):

Request by Public Health Services for approval of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Recovery Funds in the amount of \$251,518 to support the ARPA-Health portfolio of programs.

Background and Discussion:

Harris County Public Health (HCPH) provides programmatic expertise and project management support for a significant portion of ARPA-funded projects estimated at \$113M. In addition to the existing ARPA projects within the HCPH domain, additional programs are expected to come online under HCPH's management within the next months, including 12 contracts identified under the Reproductive Healthcare Access Funds and the Reentry Capacity Building project. In alignment with the roles and quality expectations of Office of County Administration (OCA) and Harris County Public Health, five (5) agency-level resources were identified to provide strategic and operational management support for the projects and programs in the HCPH-ARPA portfolio. These positions include ARPA Health Portfolio Manager, ARPA Strategy Analyst, ARPA Data & Evaluation Specialist, and two ARPA Financial Analysts.

Expected Impact:

The approval of additional funds will allow these positions to continue enhanced coordination and communication between HCPH and OCA - ARPA PMO and increase the quality of program development, milestone tracking, and financial/data/evaluation/outcomes reporting. It would also return bandwidth to existing general-funded resources responsible for non-ARPA projects and programs at HCPH.

Alternative Options:

There are no alternative options.

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
09/13/2022	20	Approval of ARPA Local Recovery funding in the amount of \$2,003,356 and five positions effective September 24, 2022 to support the ARPA-Health portfolio of programs.

Location:

Address (if applicable): N/A

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary				
Service Name				
	Current Fiscal Year Cost			Annual Fiscal Cost
	Labor	Non-Labor	Total	Recurring Expenses
Funding Sources				
Existing Budget				
2651 - American Rescue Plan 2021	\$251,518	\$	\$251,518	\$752,341
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$	\$
Additional Budget Request (<i>Requires Fiscal Review Request Form</i>)				
2651 - American Rescue Plan 2021	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Request	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Funding Request	\$251,518	\$	\$251,518	\$752,341
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)				
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-	-
Additional Positions Request	-	-	-	-
Total Personnel	-	-	-	-

Anticipated Court Date: April 23, 2024

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date): April 23, 2024

Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note: COVID-19 related item

Contact(s) name, title, department: Barbie L. Robinson, MPP, JD, CHC, Executive Director, Public Health Services

Attachments (if applicable): N/A