

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM: 3.2
(ID # 18764)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, April 05, 2022

FROM : SUPERVISOR KAREN SPIEGEL:

SUBJECT: BOS DISTRICT 2: Approve the Second District American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Infrastructure, Housing, Homelessness and Neighborhood Revitalization projects allocation to the Rancho Esperanza DPSS Houses, Home Gardens Park, and the Rancho Jurupa Park Ditch Replacement - District 2. [\$14,000,000 Total Cost – 100% American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the expansion of the Housing and Homelessness ARPA funding category to include Neighborhood Revitalization projects;
2. Approve the transfer of \$6,250,000 from the Infrastructure ARPA funding category (for District 2) to the Housing and Homelessness ARPA funding category to fund the Rancho Esperanza DPSS Houses (\$250,000) and the Home Gardens Park (\$6,000,000) projects;
3. Authorize the funding of the Rancho Esperanza DPSS Houses – Water & Sewer Connections (\$1,750,000) and the Rancho Jurupa Park Ditch Replacement (\$6,000,000) projects from District 2 ARPA Infrastructure funding category;
4. Authorize the Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District to issue a Request for Proposal, select a potential bidder, and return to the Board of Directors for the award of construction for the Rancho Esperanza DPSS Houses Project and, separately, the Rancho Jurupa Park Ditch Replacement Project and;
5. Approve a preliminary Home Gardens Park budget in the not to exceed amount of \$6,000,000, the reimbursement to Facilities Management (FM) for incurred project related expenses and delegate project management authority to the Director of Facilities Management, including the authority to utilize consultants on the approved pre-qualified list within the approved project budget.

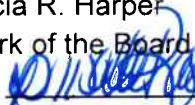
ACTION:


Supervisor Karen Spiegel, Supervisor 2nd District 4/5/2022

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Washington and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: April 5, 2022
xc: Second District, E.O., Parks

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board
By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$ 14,000,000	\$ 0	\$ 14,000,000	\$ 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: American Rescue Plan Act			Budget Adjustment: No	
			For Fiscal Year: 21/22 – 26/27	

BACKGROUND:

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed into law a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill also known as the COVID-19 Stimulus Package or the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The intent of the bill is to accelerate the United States recovery from the economic and health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. ARPA includes \$362 billion in Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA Fiscal Recovery Funds) for eligible state, local, territorial, and tribal governments. These ARPA Fiscal Recovery Funds can be utilized for four categories of eligible uses:

- a) To respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality.
- b) To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers.
- c) For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency; and
- d) To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

Riverside County’s share of the American Rescue Plan funding is estimated to be \$479 million, of which the first installment of \$239,937,299 was received on May 10, 2021. Funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026.

On April 27, 2021, the Executive Office presented the Board of Supervisors with a preliminary ARPA funding allocation and on October 19, 2021, presented a revised

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funding allocation after the U.S. Treasury released the ARPA interim funding guidelines. The revised allocation included a new category for Child Care. The funding allocation obligates funds to 7 categories: Infrastructure, Housing & Homelessness, Economic Recovery, County Departments Response, Non-Profit Assistance, Child Care and Revenue Backfill.

In its final funding guidelines issued on January 6, 2022 , the U.S. Treasury broadened the use of the ARPA funds to include disproportionately impacted communities projects to develop neighborhood features that promote improved health and safety outcomes, such as parks, green spaces, recreational facilities, sidewalks, pedestrian safety features like crosswalks, projects that increase access to healthy foods, streetlights, neighborhood clean-up, and other projects to revitalize public access.

On February 8, 2022, the board approved establishing the ARPA infrastructure funding category in the amount of \$82 million. This amount dedicated \$75 million to water and sewer infrastructure projects, distributed \$15 million per district and the remaining \$7 million was allocated to the Broadband affordability program. District 2 is requesting to transfer \$6,250,000 from its infrastructure share to the Housing, Homelessness and Neighborhood Revitalization ARPA funding (revised) category to fund the Rancho Esperanza Houses and the Home Gardens Park projects. The remaining \$7,750,000 will be utilized to fund two water and sewer infrastructure projects: the Rancho Esperanza DPSS Houses water and sewer connections and the Rancho Jurupa Park Ditch Replacement projects.

Home Gardens Park (\$6,000,000)

Facilities Management will oversee the property acquisition process for the Home Gardens Park location. Once a suitable site is identified, FM will return to the Board with a notice of intention to purchase, followed with a resolution to purchase the selected site. Additionally, FM will provide project management and construction oversight services throughout the duration of the project which will be completed on or before December of 2026. District 2 is currently evaluating potential on-going funding opportunities for the operations and maintenance of the park, including funding through the Unincorporated Communities Fund (UCF) or the Cannabis Development Agreement Community Fee, which will be solidified prior to the issuance of the construction award.

Rancho Esperanza DPSS Houses (\$250,000), Rancho Esperanza DPSS Houses Water & Sewer Connections (\$1,750,000) and Jurupa Ditch Replacement (\$6,000,000)

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The Rancho Esperanza DPSS Houses project is a joint effort between the Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District and the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) to construct and provide water and sewer connections to up 3 prefabricated houses to be called Rancho Esperanza within Rancho Jurupa Park. Rancho Esperanza will serve as a temporary safe haven that will provide comprehensive care for children, ages 0-17, who are impacted by child abuse and neglect. The overall goal of Rancho Esperanza is to engage children in immediate trauma-informed care services and promote stability during times of crisis.

The Rancho Jurupa ditch is the oldest continuously operated irrigation ditch in Southern California and serves more than 12 farmers in Jurupa Valley in addition to two County parks (the Jensen-Alvarado Historic Ranch and the Louis Rubidoux Nature Center), as well as existing farms in Jurupa Valley. The Rancho Jurupa ditch has significant infrastructure deficiencies which are impacting the quantity and quality of water delivered. The replacement project will improve the efficiency of the ditch, water quality, and reduce water loss and interruptions in water deliveries due to the current frequent emergency repairs.

Both projects will be led by the Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District. The district will issue Request for Proposals, select a potential bidder and return back to the Board for award of contracts. Projects are planned to be completed on or before December of 2026.

Impacts to Residents

Parks investments in disproportionately impacted neighborhoods in the County will improve physical and mental health outcomes. Allowing the public access to nature, including parks, has been connected to decreased levels of illness and increased well-being. The proposed infrastructure projects will contribute to water and agricultural preservation efforts and help strengthen the County's provision of social services.

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