

RESOLUTION - SUPERMAJORITY

Resolution Authorizing the Approval of Grants Awarded From McHenry County's Allotment of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and Emergency Appropriation to the 2023 Fiscal Year Budget (18)

WHEREAS, the United States Congress took action to provide financial assistance to state and local governments across the United States to both mitigate the financial impacts of COVID-19 as well as stimulate economic recovery; and

WHEREAS, the County will receive \$59,781,491 in ARPA funds and must obligate these grant funds by December 31, 2024, and, spend by December 31, 2026, and any unexpended funds must be returned to the U.S. Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, eligible uses of these funds include: support public health response; address negative economic impacts; replace public sector revenue loss; premium pay for essential workers; and water, sewer and broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, McHenry County has published information regarding the grant process and application instructions for eligible members of the community to apply; and

WHEREAS, Advance McHenry County is a reimbursable program and funds are provided to approved applicants only after up-front expenses are paid for and proof of payment is submitted through the County's internal control procedures; and

WHEREAS, eligible Phase I project categories include Environment and Infrastructure, Economic and Workforce Development, Other Governments, Non-Profits and Contingencies; and

WHEREAS, the seventh round of Phase I applications were received by June 2022; and

WHEREAS, five applications have been selected for recommendation for full project funding; and

WHEREAS, the five projects below meet the County Board's mission of Advance McHenry County of being dedicated to the responsible administration of American Rescue Plan funds, investing in resilient public services and supporting community-driven projects to deliver inclusive, innovative, long-term benefits across the County as it recovers and transforms from the pandemic:

- Sage YMCA has requested project funding in the amount of \$680,000 for a "Sage YMCA Summer Camp and Child Care Financial Assistance Program"
- Kids in Need of McHenry County (KIN) has requested project funding in the amount of \$142,100 for a "KIN Visitation Home"
- Family Health Partnership Clinic has requested project funding in the amount of \$256,332 for "Health Connect – Social Determinants of Health"
- Woodstock Fire/Rescue District has requested project funding in the amount of \$361,000 for "An Ambulance"
- Cary Fire Protection District has requested project funding in the amount of \$339,483 for "An Ambulance"

WHEREAS, should circumstances surrounding any approved applicants projects change, and the project is unable to go forward, all funds previously obligated shall be unobligated from the grantee and used for future Phase I or Phase II projects.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by this County Board of McHenry County, Illinois hereby authorizes the following emergency appropriation of the following budget line items for the Fiscal Year of 2023 budget.

Revenue:	
099100-91-90-9000-221	\$1,778,915.00
Expenditures:	
442300-40-90-9000-221	\$1,778,915.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized to distribute a certified copy of this Resolution to the County Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, Purchasing Director, County Auditor and County Administrator.

DATED at Woodstock, Illinois, this 21st day of February, A.D., 2023.

Michael Buehler, Chairman
McHenry County Board

ATTEST:

Joseph J. Tirio, County Clerk

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SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing the Approval of Grants Awarded From McHenry County's Allotment of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and Emergency Appropriation to the 2023 Fiscal Year Budget (18)

Board / Committee Action Requested:

Authorization to award American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Grant Program Funds to; Sage YMCA, Kids in Need of McHenry County (KIN), Family Health Partnership Clinic, Woodstock Fire/Rescue District and Cary Fire Protection District.

Background and Discussion: On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARPA") was signed into law to provide \$350 billion in additional funding for state and local governments. The local funding portion is approximately \$130 billion, equally divided between cities and counties. The County has submitted its grant agreement with the US Department of the Treasury to receive \$59,781,491 in ARPA funds to be obligated by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026.

The intent of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 legislation is designed to address the unprecedented impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The legislation provides broad statements regarding the use and restrictions of these funds.

Broad eligible uses of these funds include:

- Support public health response;
- Address negative economic impacts;
- Replace public sector revenue loss;
- Premium pay for essential workers; and
- Water, sewer and broadband infrastructure.

Restrictions on the uses of these funds include:

- Funds cannot be used to directly or indirectly offset tax reductions or delay a tax or tax increase;
- Funds cannot be deposited into any pension fund

Applications for grant funding have been submitted by other governments, school districts, non-profits, and a community college. The Bronner Group assisted the County staff in implementing a composite score rating system based on criteria approved by the County Board. The criteria is designed to help identify the projects that best meet the US Department of Treasury criteria and have the potential to have a long-lasting and diverse benefit to the County. It has been determined that projects that score over eighty points out of a possible one-hundred points are being recommended for full funding approval, with some exceptions.

Attached as a supplement to this memo is Exhibit A, individual score cards for five, Phase I round five project applications that full funding approval is recommended. Funding for these projects is reimbursable after up-front expenses are paid for by the applicants and proof of payment is submitted through the County's internal control procedures, which involve the Finance Division review, Bronner Group review, and the County Auditor review. Payments will be made through the County's Accounts Payable module in Dynamics 365.

The projects being recommended for Phase I, have the potential to deliver inclusive, innovative, long-term benefits across the County as it recovers and transforms from the pandemic. These projects also scored above eighty points in the Bronner Group evaluation and approval is recommended. The five projects are:

- Sage YMCA has requested project funding in the amount of \$680,000 for a "Sage YMCA Summer Camp and Child Care Financial Assistance Program" Score of 90 out of possible 100.
- Kids in Need of McHenry County (KIN) has requested project funding in the amount of \$142,000 for a "KIN Visitation Home" Score of 84 out of possible 100.
- Family Health Partnership Clinic has requested project funding in the amount of \$256,332 for "Health Connect – Social Determinants of Health" Score of 81 out of possible 100.
- Woodstock Fire/Rescue District has requested project funding in the amount of \$361,000.00 for "An Ambulance" Score of 80 out of possible 100.
- Cary Fire Protection District has requested project funding in the amount of \$339,483 for "An Ambulance" Score of 80 out of possible 100.

Impact on Human Resources: None

Impact on Budget (Revenue; Expenses, Fringe Benefits): Approval will result in distribution of a total of \$1,778,915 from the Special Revenue Fund: 221 - American Rescue Plan Fund.

Impact on Capital Expenditures: None

Impact on Physical Space: None

Impact on Other County Departments or Outside Agencies: None

Conformity to Board Ordinances, Policies and Strategic Plan: Yes