

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



ITEM: 3.18  
(ID # 17701)

**MEETING DATE:**

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

**FROM :** BOS DISTRICT 1:

**SUBJECT:** BOS DISTRICT 1: First District Use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - Community Improvement Designation (CID) Funds to be allocated to Assistance League of Temecula Valley, Studio 395 Foundation Inc., Boys & Girls Club of Southwest County, Foundation on Aging, and My Learning Studio Outreach. [\$94,500 – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) 100%] (4/5 vote required)

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1) Approve the use of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - Community Improvement Designation funds for:

1. **Assistance League of Temecula Valley - \$5,000**  
28720 Via Montezuma, Temecula, CA 92590
2. **Studio 395 Foundation Inc - \$55,000**  
16275 Grand Ave, Building A, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530
3. **Boys & Girls Club of Southwest County- \$25,000**  
PO Box 892349, Temecula, CA 92589
4. **Foundation on Aging - \$5,000**  
PO Box 2099, Riverside, CA 92516
5. **My Learning Studio OUTREACH - \$4,500**  
17086 Van Buren Blvd, Riverside, CA 92504

**ACTION: 4/5 Vote Required**


  
Supervisor Kevin Jeffries, Supervisor 1st. District 11/10/2021

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Jeffries, seconded by Supervisor Perez 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: November 16, 2021  
xc: First District, COB

Kecia R. Harper  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ 94,500	\$ 0	\$ 94,500	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 94,500	\$ 0	\$ 94,500	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: American Rescue Plan (ARPA)</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment: N/A</b>	
			<b>For Fiscal Year: 21/22</b>	

**BACKGROUND:**

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, also called the COVID-19 Stimulus Package or the American Rescue Plan (ARP), is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill passed by the 117<sup>th</sup> United States Congress and signed into law by President Joe Biden on March 11, 2021, to accelerate the United States' recovery from the economic and health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The American Rescue Plan includes \$350 billion for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments. These funds known as the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provide a substantial infusion of resources to help turn the tide of the pandemic, address its economic fallout, and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery.

Congress provided State, local, and Tribal governments with significant resources to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and its economic impacts through 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.

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Local non-profit organizations play a critical role in responding to the public health emergency and its negative economic impacts, by supporting the public health efforts, delivering essential social services, and supporting individuals and families in stabilizing economically. As such, it is essential that these organizations receive additional financial support to increase services and capacity during the pandemic. It is also important that this funding be distributed geographically throughout the County so that impacted groups, households, and individuals have access to this financial support.

On August 24, 2021, the Board of Supervisors authorized the allocation of \$1,000,000 in Federal funding under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) to the Community Improvement Designation Fund (CID) program to support COVID-19 response efforts and economic recovery within Riverside County. The Board further authorized that the allocation is distributed to each supervisorial district in the amount of \$200,000, to be awarded to local eligible non-profits through the established ARPA CID application and award process. The Community Improvement Designation Fund, known as the CID program, was established by the Board of Supervisors under the provisions of Government Code §26227 which authorizes the Board of Supervisors to appropriate and expend general fund monies to support programs that serve a public purpose by meeting the social needs of the population of the county. The CID program, as an existing funding vehicle, provides a mechanism to quickly deploy funding to non-profits on the front lines of the pandemic response efforts.

To ensure compliance with the ARPA funding interim guidelines, County staff created an ARPA - CID supplemental application for eligible non-profit organizations. The application provides adequate detail pertaining to the funding program objectives, guidelines, eligibility criteria and compliance requirements for audit purposes. Furthermore, staff prepared an ARPA non-profits administration process which provides details related to the applications eligibility determination and processing based on eligibility recommendations to be provided by the Executive Office to Board staff. As part of the process, Board staff will be submitting recommendations for awards monthly, as applications are submitted, and eligibility is determined.

On October 13, 2021, County staff held an ARPA non-profits funding workshop to walk eligible organizations through the ARPA CID application(s) process, funding objectives and eligibility criteria according to the U.S. Treasury interim funding guidelines.

**The following organizations have been recommended for ARPA funding by the First District and were determined to be eligible by the Executive Office:**

- 1. Assistance League of Temecula Valley - \$5,000** funding will be used to support the Operation School Bell program, which provides new, school appropriate clothing & shoes for students K-12 attending school districts within the First District. Many low-income families have suffered additional economic hardships due to the COVID-19

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pandemic and this relieves the burden of this expense for families and allows them to focus on housing, food, etc. The Assistance League had a decrease of 38.3% in funding in the 2020 year.

- 2. Studio 395 Foundation Inc - \$55,000** funding will be used to support local programming, services, and maintenance staffing and upgrades at the Lakeland Village Community Center. The center was shut down for months and restarting access to programming (classes, activities, events) has been slow, thus external revenues have been non-existent and staffing has hampered their ability to staff the center to be open 7 days a week for the community to use the amenities.
  
- 3. Boys & Girls Club of Southwest County- \$25,000** funding will be used to support the cost of the after-school and day camp programs, specifically rent and program assistance, at the Lakeland Village Clubhouse. In 2020, the organization annual revenue decreased 60% from 2019 and they were forced to close the clubhouse for months and laid off employees.
  
- 4. Foundation on Aging - \$5,000** funding will be used to assist the Foundation with their Holiday Gift Program. Through this program, seniors are selected from each senior center in the 1<sup>st</sup> District to receive a Stater Bros. gift card to be used for the holidays. Gift cards will be purchased and distributed as follows: Lake Elsinore, Wildomar, Arlanza, Good Hope, Mead Valley, La Sierra, Stratton, Ysmael Villegas. The Pandemic has caused isolation and a lack of resources for many seniors and the closures of their senior centers.
  
- 5. My Learning Studio OUTREACH - \$4,500** funding will support free and fee-reduced tutoring for children in Riverside County. My Learning Studio Outreach is dedicated to serving low-income, foster, adopted, at-risk youth, and now those affected financially by Covid-19.