



Health & Human Services Agency

COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: December 17, 2024

Public Hearing Required	N/A
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	N/A
Published Notice Required	N/A
Advertised Published Notice	N/A
Meet & Confer Required	N/A
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	N/A
Personnel Resolution attached	N/A
Agreement(s) attached	Yes

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SUBJECT: Approve an amendment to Agreement No. 31553 with Sequoia Community Center

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an amendment to Agreement No. 31553 with Sequoia Community Center to increase the funding by \$18,166 from \$207,034 to \$225,200 for the cost of renovating the community center as necessary, per the County of Tulare American Rescue Plan Act Final Recovery Plan, effective December 17, 2024 through December 31, 2026.
2. Authorize the Chair to sign the amendment.

SUMMARY:

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) into law. This legislation authorized more than \$1.9 trillion in relief funds to address the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals, and businesses.

The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF), established by ARPA and administered by the United States Department of the Treasury (U.S. Treasury), provides \$350 billion in emergency funding for state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments. Funding is directly provided by the U.S. Treasury to assist communities as they recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. ARPA provides \$350 billion in additional funding for state and local governments. The local funding portion is approximately \$130 billion, equally divided between cities and counties. Localities will receive the funds in two tranches—the first after the U.S. Treasury certifies the funding to each jurisdiction and

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the second, one year later.

On August 24, 2021, the Tulare County Board of Supervisors approved the County of Tulare ARPA Interim Recovery Plan for Federal American Rescue Plan Act Funds. It then approved the County's Final Recovery Plan on July 26, 2022. This plan allocated funding for aid for local nonprofit organizations, ARPA project 2002.

The Tulare County Board of Supervisors approved Agreement No. 31553 on January 23, 2024, to reimburse the cost of renovating the Sequoia Community Center. The Sequoia Community Center is a nonprofit organization located at 50151 Whitaker Forest Rd., and has served the community of Badger, CA since it was established four years ago. The Sequoia Community Center provided essential services during the pandemic. The Board approved Agreement No. 31553-A on October 22, 2024, to extend the contract end date from December 31, 2025, to December 31, 2026, and to modify the scope of work and amount of funding.

An amendment to this agreement is necessary to: add Exhibit A-2, Proposal for Round 3 Funding Narrative, which describes the use of Round 3 funding; to replace and supersede Exhibit B, Reimbursement Agreement, which increases the funding amount by \$18,166 from \$207,034 to \$225,200; to replace and supersede Exhibit E, Amount of Grant and Uses to reflect the changes to Exhibits A-2 and B. Sequoia Community Center has submitted a request for funding to renovate the community center located in Badger, CA. The current facility is inadequate to accommodate the community's ongoing needs, and its renovation will ensure that the community will have improved access to quality, supportive, and essential services.

Through this proposed amendment, the County of Tulare, through ARPA funding, will provide funding to the Sequoia Community Center to offset the direct and indirect expenses associated with the facility's renovation. Sequoia Community Center will be reimbursed monthly as costs are incurred and invoices are provided.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The total maximum amount of ARPA funds to be spent is in an amount not to exceed \$225,200 and are included in the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 adopted budget. The requested actions include an adjustment to the County's ARPA Final Recovery Plan from unspent funds of \$118,166 from Categories 2.34: Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations, 1.5 Medical Expenses, 1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses, 1.17 Other Public Health Services, and 3.5 Public Sector Capacity: Administrative Needs. There is no net County cost to the General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Quality of Life Initiative to promote public health and welfare educational opportunities. The approval of this additional funding will address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the disproportionately impacted residents of Badger and allow Sequoia Community Center to continue providing quality, supportive, and essential services in a suitable facility.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

/s/Robert C. Stewart

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Director of Fiscal Operations

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: Amendment