



Board Agenda Item 36.1

DATE: May 25, 2020

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Jean M. Rousseau, County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: American Rescue Plan Funds

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve and authorize the County Administrative Officer to sign, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, the required documents and certifications required by the United States Department of Treasury to secure Fresno County's portion of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds.

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) was signed into law with the goal to accelerate the national recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The County will receive approximately \$194.1 million in ARP funds from the United State Department of Treasury. Fifty percent of the funding will be paid within 60 days of the ARP enactment and the remaining 50% will be paid within 12 months of the first payment. To receive the funding, the County must, in part, agree to use the funds for uses allowed by the ARP, comply with all applicable laws and regulations, and sign an assurance of compliance with civil rights requirements. This item is countywide.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

If the recommended action is not approved, the County of Fresno would not receive the ARP funding

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no Net County Cost associated with this item. The County will receive approximately \$194.1 million in ARP funds from the United State Treasury Department. Fifty percent of the funding will be paid within 60 days of the ARP enactment and the remaining 50% will be paid within 12 months of the first payment. As recommended uses of the funds are identified, they will be brought to your Board for review and approval.

DISCUSSION:

On March 11, 2021, the ARP was signed into law with the goal to accelerate the national recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Allowable uses for ARP funds are provided below:

- Respond to or mitigate the public health emergency with respect to the COVID-19 emergency or its negative impacts.
- Provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the pandemic.
- Make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.
- State or local government can transfer the funds to a private nonprofit organization, a public benefit corporation involved in the transportation of passengers or cargo or a special-purpose unit of State or local government.

- Respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the county that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employees that have eligible workers who perform essential work.

The recommended action will allow the County Administrative Officer to sign all necessary documents to receive the ARP funds.

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with the Clerk - ARP United States Department of Treasury documents

CAO ANALYST:

Greg Reinke