



Resolution Executive Summary

Committee Date: Monday, October 17, 2022

Committee: Economic Development

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Document Title: Resolution Approving The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds For Economic Impact Program For The Chairman's Initiative Group Four (4) Projects

County Code: Resolution Establishing The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds For Economic Impact Program Policy (2022-CR-012)

Board Meeting Date: Thursday, October 27, 2022

Budget Information:

Was item budgeted? Yes	Appropriation Amount: \$75,000
If not, explain funding source:	
ORG - OBJ - Project Code:	Budget Impact: None - Budgeted

Background Information:

Winnebago County received in total approximately \$55 million (County Board approved Phase 1 July 22, 2022, 2021-CO-057) from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, of which \$1,000,000 (County Board Approved February 24, 2022, 2022-CR-012) will be used for Board Member Initiatives, as long as they are ARP compliant, reviewed by the external auditor, and approved by the County Board. These 5 listed Projects under Group Four (4) are what is to be considered by the Board, allocation amounts and Board Member participation may vary by end of Program. Program allocation use descriptions are listed with Program/Project Names.

Recommendation:

Administration supports the County Board Member initiatives requested from ARP funds to be used for economic development impacts for the community to combat the negative effects from COVID-19.

Contract/Agreement:

NA

Legal Review:

Yes

Follow-Up:

None required, but Board Members may report back upon request for project updates.

SPONSORED BY: JOHN SWEENEY

**RESOLUTION
OF
THE COUNTY BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO, ILLINOIS**

2022 CR _____

SUBMITTED BY: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) FUNDS FOR
ECONOMIC IMPACT PROGRAM FOR THE CHAIRMAN’S INITIATIVE
GROUP FOUR (4) PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, in 2021 the County of Winnebago, Illinois (County) became a recipient of American Rescue Plan Act (hereinafter “ARP”) funds from the federal government to assist in combating the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that a portion of the award, one million dollars (\$1,000,000) of the total funds to be received, shall be used for economic development throughout the county due to the adverse impact of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee and the Winnebago County Board developed and approved the “American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds for Economic Impact Program Policy” (Program) in order to define the process for the allocation of ARP funds on February 24, 2022 (2022-CR-012); and

WHEREAS, the Program provides Winnebago County Board Members the ability to allocate funds for projects within their district or within the geographic boundaries of Winnebago County, Illinois to assist with the negative economic impacts from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution further substantiates the Program Projects approved by the previously established County Board ARP Policy and the External Auditor’s Review of the attached (Exhibit A) Projects listed.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois that the County Board hereby approves the Program Projects listed as “Exhibit A, Chairman’s Initiative Projects for Economic Impact, Group Four (4)”, as outlined and approved in the, “American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds for Economic Impact Program Policy and further approved by the external auditor to be ARP compliant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the County Board of the County of Winnebago is directed to prepare and deliver certified copies of this resolution to the Winnebago County Regional Planning and Economic Development Director, the County Administrator, the Chief Financial Officer, and the County Auditor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Economic Development Committee

AGREE

DISAGREE

JOHN SWEENEY, CHAIRMAN

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DOROTHY REDD, VICE CHAIRWOMAN

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JEAN CROSBY

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ANGELA FELLARS

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BRAD LINDMARK

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TIM NABORS

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FRED WESCOTT

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The above and foregoing Resolution was adopted by the County Board of the County of Winnebago, Illinois this ____ day of _____ 2022.

ATTESTED BY:

LORI GUMMOW
CLERK OF THE COUNTY BOARD
OF THE COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO, ILLINOIS

JOSEPH V. CHIARELLI
CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY BOARD
OF THE COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO, ILLINOIS

EXHIBIT A
Chairman's Initiative Projects For Economic Impact, Group Four (4)

PROJECT	BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION <i>(may vary)</i>	ANTICIPATED ALLOCATION AMOUNT <i>(may vary)</i>	PROPOSED USE
Blue 815	Fred Wescott, John Sweeney	\$ 23,000	A portion of these funds (\$6,000) will specifically be used to support the Community Outreach department within the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office in purchasing equipment that can be utilized by the Community Officers for various events across the county that will help build relationships within the community (movie nights, holiday events, etc.) Remaining funds will be used to directly impact our mission of educating the community about law enforcement, supporting law enforcement/first responders, helping to bridge the gap between community members and law enforcement by promoting, participating, and donating to various events and causes within the community and linked to local law enforcement agencies, and honoring fallen officers.
Rockford Family Peace Center	Angela Fellars	\$ 17,000	The Family Peace Center proposes using this award for a legal fund for survivors of intimate partner violence who cannot otherwise secure legal representation through alternative pro bono partners. Specifically, this fund will assist clients of the Family Peace Center in paying for an emergency consultation and assistance drafting and filing documents related to custody of their child(ren). Eligibility criteria include: 1) they must be a client of the FPC, 2) they must have requested and been denied services from our other legal partners, and 3) the matter for which they are seeking legal assistance must involve custody of their children who they have in common with their abusive partner. The request can be made in the context of intake or case management services at the Family Peace Center. The survivor will be responsible for identifying the attorney and the attorney must agree to limited scope representation of the client and to invoice the Family Peace Center for a one-time payment for services not to exceed \$3,000.
Rockford Mass Transit District (RMTD)	Jaime Salgado	\$ 15,000	Purchase of an RMTD bus passenger shelter. Once received, RMTD staff will assemble the shelter and install at Broadway and Seventh Street. At minimum, the specific shelter specifications: 5'x10' Eclipse Aluminum Structure Four Sides; Front Centered Windscreen with Two ADA Openings White Aluminum Powder Coat Painted Finish – RAL 9006 3/8" Clear Tempered Safety Glass Arched Roof with Bronze Acrylic 4 – Two Piece Spun Anchor Boot Covers 6' Eclipse Bench with Two Armrests and Black HDPE Bench Slats Solar Lighting Package for General Illumination with Rigid Solar Panel and 6 Watt LED Light
Entrepreneur Club	Jaime Salgado, Dorothy Redd	\$ 10,000	The Entrepreneur Club provides vital economic development services to prospective, new and hopeful small business owners through educational events, one-on-one mentoring, and connectivity to community business partners, resources, expertise from several industries to support new business success. During the pandemic the organization was severely hurt by it's inability to meet in person and events came to a halt as did any funding opportunities. The funds would be utilized to reignite activities and put out new educational events for individuals looking to either start new businesses and/or get access to resoucrs and expertise from community partner professionals and organizations.
Friends of the Coronado	Angela Fellars	\$ 10,000	FOC will use the ARP funds for the REACH for the Stars student outreach project at the Coronado Theatre. 8,000 students, teachers and chaperones from the Rockford Public Schools (30% of the total RPS K-12 enrollment) all 4th, 5th and 6th grade students+ other RPS special programs and educators, will attend a fully staged performance of The Peking Acrobats, March 15 and 16, 2023 at the Coronado Theatre at no cost to the student. FOC will implement the following REACH project activities: * Contracting with the Peking Acrobats for (4) student performances * Manage Coronado Theatre labor and production costs * Coordinate school participation, transportation and distribution of educational materials. * Complete final reporting of project outcome and impact