



Resolution Executive Summary

Committee Date: Monday, November 28, 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 Five (5) Projects

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

Board Meeting Date: Thursday, December 8, 2022

Budget Information:

Was item budgeted? Yes	Appropriation Amount: \$92,525
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 6 listed Projects under Group Five (5) 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 FIVE (5) 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 Five (5)”, 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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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 Five (5)

PROJECT	BOARD MEMBER PARTICIPATION <i>(may vary)</i>	ANTICIPATED ALLOCATION AMOUNT <i>(may vary)</i>	PROPOSED USE
Community Life Center of Rockford	Dorothy Redd	\$ 19,525	Due to the catastrophic interruption of learning, recreational activities and mentorship programs caused by Covid-19, the Community Life Center of Rockford will provide innovative after school programs that is strategically designed to address the educational, recreational and social-emotional needs of our youth in, but not limited to Southwest Montague Heights quadrant of Rockford.
Northwest Neighbors	Angie Goral	\$ 20,000	<p>Christian Community Development organizations have validated the concept that the only meaningful and lasting change begins within a person, an organization, a neighborhood, or community, and develops outward from that core of beginning work.</p> <p>Our organization (NCCDC) in adopting and utilizing those principles and tools has begun working with, and beside, all those persons and organizations to effect change within the neighborhoods of northwest Rockford.</p> <p>Communication, social interaction, neighboring, and ongoing meaningful dialogue with all the constituents of neighborhoods is vital to successful, meaningful change.</p> <p>We have already been successful in engaging over 150 community members in creating and validating a new vision for the Healthcare requirements of Northwest Rockford and Winnebago County, and for the beginning of a newly created economic development vision for a positive adaptive reuse of the Mercy Health campus, within the corridor of Rockton Ave. - Auburn St. to Riverside Blvd.</p> <p>The funds received from this ARP Grant Program will be used to provide a staff person(s) to carry out an enlarged, enhanced neighborhood community engagement process. It will provide funds to further develop and support ongoing target neighborhood communications, focused community project meetings, and enlarge the number of active participants in our neighborhood's work, visioning, and target development projects. It will assist in the cost of maintaining a permanent service location in the heart of Northwest neighborhoods. Frugally budgeted, 12 months of services can be assisted from these funds.</p>
Rock River Valley Blood Center (RRVBC)	Kevin McCarthy, Fred Wescott, John Sweeney	\$ 10,000	<p>Purchase of a new bloodmobile to replace the 22-year old vehicle currently in use.</p> <p>The RRVBC currently collects over 30,000 units of whole blood each year, which serves over 90,000 patients annually in the Northern Illinois/Southern Wisconsin region. Between 40% and 50% of this blood is collected from "off-site" blood drives, the majority of which demand the use of a mobile blood collection vehicle.</p> <p>The average life expectancy of a bloodmobile is 10 to 12 years. Thanks to excellent stewardship, the current RRVBC bloodmobile has nearly doubled this average.</p> <p>Just as importantly, the majority of NEW blood donors are recruited and identified via off-site blood drives. Without a replacement vehicle, the recruitment of new blood donors is in jeopardy.</p>
Rockford North End	Angela Fellars	\$ 18,000	<p>Grant funding will be used to support and promote businesses in the Rockford North End to recover from lost sales due to COVID closures.</p> <p>Specifically, the funds will be used to build up existing charities and retail establishments such as the Friends of the Veterans Memorial Circle (501), West Side Showroom Theater, and events such as the Hot Chocolate Crawl, Tour De North End, and other holiday events hosted by the business association.</p>
Vietnam Veterans Honor Society	Fred Wescott	\$ 15,000	<p>We dedicated the Memorial at Midway Village in 2005 and have since added an Agent Orange wall to the original. It was of the first in the country. We are also adding a Purple Heart Memorial on the site. WEE would use the grant money to maintain our memorial over the years and support our veterans who paid the ultimate price. WE have helped many veterans suffering from, PTSD.</p>
Winnebago County - Housing Study	Paul Arena	\$ 10,000	<p>To promote economic development, Winnebago County wishes to identify existing housing market conditions in order to facilitate policy development to provide a stable housing market focused on the needs of an expanding workforce.</p> <p>Stable housing to meet the needs of the workforce impact all areas of the area economy, including small and large businesses, the healthcare industry, workforce development sector, technology and service sectors. Further, the study would allow for rural and urban effect, uniquely possible through a county-wide lens.</p>