


To the Mayor and Members of the City Council
October 12, 2021

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND CHILDCARE PROJECTS

This Informal Report describes the proposed allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in the amount of \$10.1 million to affordable housing and childcare projects managed by Fort Worth Housing Solutions, Habitat for Humanity, and Child Care Associates.

In March 2021, President Biden signed ARPA, providing aid and relief to various sectors of the national economy. The City of Fort Worth will receive a total allocation of ARPA funds in an amount exceeding \$173.7 million, to be disbursed in two batches or "tranches." Subsequently, on June 22, the City Council approved Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) 21-0445, establishing a general framework for the use of ARPA funds. Funding must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and fully expended by December 31, 2026.

Several local agencies have submitted proposals for affordable housing and human services projects totaling \$31.4 million. City staff has reviewed these proposals with respect to financial feasibility, community need, and eligibility under ARPA Section 9901 (Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds), Subsections 603(c)(1)(A) and 603(c)(1)(C), providing funding to aid disproportionately impacted communities and support governmental services adversely impacted by the pandemic. As a result, City staff recommends that we allocate funding to seven projects as follows.

First Tranche of ARPA Funding

Agency	Funding Amount	ARPA Funding Category	Address	Council District	Funding Use
Child Care Associates	\$2,000,000.00	Non-Revenue Recovery	2400 E. 1st St., 76111	8	Renovation for Early Learning Center in Riverside: Gwendolyn C. Gragg Child Development Center; renovation project to include three additional classrooms (total of 8 classrooms) and expanded services for infants and toddlers
Fort Worth Housing Solutions	\$400,000.00	Revenue Recovery	Cowan Place: 5400/5420 E. Rosedale St., 76105	5	Infrastructure expenses related to neighborhood redevelopment for the Stop Six Choice Neighborhood Implementation Program; design and construction work associated with underground power lines and the elimination of power poles
Fort Worth Area Habitat for Humanity	\$1,500,000.00	Non-Revenue Recovery	Neighborhood surrounding JPS Hospital	9	Purchase of fourteen (14) detached platted lots for the development of 26 or more affordable townhomes south of John Peter Smith Hospital and within NEZ Six (properties are 1701 St. Louis, 1720 Galveston, 1719 Galveston, 1716 Galveston, 1715 Galveston, 1709 Galveston, 1703 Galveston, 1724 S. Main, 1720 S. Main)
Total	\$3,900,000.00				



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Second Tranche of ARPA Funding

Agency	Funding Amount	ARPA Funding Category	Address	Council District	Funding Use
Child Care Associates	\$5,000,000.00	Non-Recovery Revenue	5100 Block of Avenue G, 76105	5	Building a new Early Learning Center at the future/proposed Stop Six Hub to expand access to infant, toddler and three-year old services in Stop Six; the ARPA investment would draw \$9.2M in quality early learning services from Child Care Associates at no charge to low-income families in Stop Six over ten (10) years
Fort Worth Housing Solutions	\$400,000.00	Revenue Recovery	Hughes House 4830/4908 E. Rosedale St., 76105	5	Infrastructure expenses related to neighborhood redevelopment for the Stop Six Choice Neighborhood Implementation Program Hughes House; design and construction work associated with underground power lines and the elimination of power poles
	\$400,000.00	Revenue Recovery	Phase 3: Not Yet Named	5	Infrastructure expenses related to neighborhood redevelopment for the Stop Six Choice Neighborhood Implementation Program Phase 3; design and construction work associated with underground power lines and the elimination of power poles
	\$400,000.00	Revenue Recovery	Phase 4: Not Yet Named	5	Infrastructure expenses related to neighborhood redevelopment for the Stop Six Choice Neighborhood Implementation Program Phase 4; design and construction work associated with underground power lines and the elimination of power poles
Total	\$6,200,000.00				

We intend to include an appropriate M&C on the October 19 Council agenda requesting approval of these allocations and associated contracts. If you have questions about this information, please contact Victor Turner, Director of Neighborhood Services, at 817-392-8187.

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