



City of Greensboro

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Agenda Report

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Agenda Date: 9/20/2022. **Department:** Budget & Evaluation

Meeting Type: Council Meeting **Category:** General Business Agenda

Title: 2022 - 964 Resolution Authorizing Funding in the Amount of \$2,354,466 for ARPA Enabled Community Requests

Council Priority: Place an 'x' in the box.

- Create an Environment to Promote Economic Development Opportunities and Job Creation
- Maintain Infrastructure and Provide Sustainable Growth Opportunities
- Promote Public Safety & Reduce Crime
- Exceptional Customer Service and a Diverse City Government Workforce
- Ensure Fiscal Stewardship, Transparency, & Accountability

Council District: All

Public Hearing: No

Advertising Date/By: N/A

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PURPOSE:

City Council consideration is requested for an allocation of funds made available by the American Rescue Plan in the amount of \$2,354,466 for community project requests to provide community, housing, food, health, employment, and economic resources and services critical to Greensboro community members.

BACKGROUND:

The following community organizations submitted funding requests in November of 2021 as part of proposal process for use of American Rescue Plan enabled funding received by the City of Greensboro. In April of 2022 City Council received staff reviews and recommendations for proposed funding consideration. These proposals are recommended for funding consideration by the City Council at this time.

Sanctuary House - Mitigating COVID-19 Impact While Enhancing Downtown & Greenway. Funding to repair windows, door, vinyl siding, gutters, and to commission a mural on a retaining wall (on or near greenway) for \$56,334.

Reading Connections - Addressing Disparities through Transformative Jobs Training – Program. Funding to provide literacy and job training to underemployed individuals and assists with job placement for \$460,000.

YMCA of Greensboro - Restoring Hope Project - Facilities Expansion. Expansion of Hayes-Taylor YMCA and Camp Weaver facilities to include addition of childcare center, cabin duplex, and new outdoor pavilion for \$1,000,000.

Black Suit Initiative - Experiential Learning Program. Funding to support programming for middle and high school black men to learn positive character building, educational achievement, and service learning opportunities for \$50,000.

Level Up Parenting - Woman2Woman Program. Funding to support programming to help women with employment opportunities, parenting skills, and growing food at home to provide for family for \$53,234.

W. D. Mohammed Islamic Center - Bessemer Avenue Food Pantry (Halimah's Pantry). Funding to upgrade the kitchen to provide fresh and nutritious meals to low-income residents of East Greensboro for \$72,856.

Guilford Child Development - Learning Together Program. Funding to provide immigrant and refugee families and their young children including adult (ESOL classes) and early childhood education and parenting education for \$138,592.

I am a Queen - Queen Arise Leadership Program. Funding to support a year round mentoring initiative dedicated to the growth and development of girls of color ages 10-18. Workshops include money management, entrepreneurship, goal setting, healthy relationships, and health and fitness for \$50,000.

Positive Direction for Youth & Families - Community Garden Project. Funding to build four (4) greenhouses, fully-equipped-to-industry-standards to address food scarcity and food desserts for \$133,450.

Launch Greensboro -Triad Navigator Upgrade & Activation. Funding to upgrade website and programming that provides resource and training opportunities to minority, women, and small businesses for \$150,000.

Gerard's Green Garden - The Recycling Farm. To purchase land to build a farm to supply approximately 300 disadvantaged families with nutrient dense produce for \$165,000.

Glenwood Together – Community Resource Project. Funding to support programming to connect community members in need with resources such as job training, utility payments, baby supplies, and enrichment programs for \$25,000.

American Rescue Plan Act funding in the amount of \$59.4 million was awarded to Greensboro with the first allocation of \$29.7 million received by the City on May 19, 2021 and the remaining allocation of \$29.7 million received by the City on June 21, 2022. The grantor, U. S. Treasury, has provided guidance on the use of funds, including for purposes of recovering revenue losses and grant funds can be used for authorized government services under this category.

Staff will administer the recording of these general government expenses using these funds in accordance with the guidance provided by U. S. Treasury and the use of grant revenues will make available general and other fund revenues to support projects identified through the American Rescue Plan process by City Council.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Funding from the American Recue Plan will provide revenues for authorized government activities under the revenue loss category. This will grant provides availability of other revenues to allow for expenditures for \$2,354,466. An ordinance will be necessary to account for these revenues and expenditures in the General Fund and other funds.

ACCOUNT NUMBER:

101-9580-01.5931

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

It is recommended that City Council authorize a financing commitment of \$2,354,466 for community project requests to provide community, housing, food, health, employment, and economic resources and services critical to Greensboro community members, subject to the projects meeting all financial conditions, and to authorize the City Manager to execute grant documents for this in conformity with the applicable federal and City regulations associated with the source of funding.