


Memorandum



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Agenda Item No. 2(B)(8)
July 7, 2022

To: Honorable Chairman Jose "Pepe" Diaz
And Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Daniella Levine Cava
Mayor 

Subject: Quarterly Status Report – American Rescue Plan Act
Directive No. 211756

This report is being presented in response to Resolution No. R-777-21 sponsored by Commissioner Rene Garcia and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners (Board) on July 20, 2021, directing the County Mayor or Mayor's designee to provide quarterly reports on the status of the allocations, programs and services described in my Report, which was presented on the same day. In said report, I outlined my plan and recommendations for use of the \$527.734 million granted to Miami-Dade County through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) (H.R. 1319) and now that the plan has been in place for some time, the following is an update on any significant changes and how ARPA funding was applied to last fiscal year..

On July 20, 2021, the Board adopted Resolution No. R-777-21, outlining a plan for the use of the ARPA funds received by the County. The resolution provided for; \$321 Million for the provision of sustaining government services to be prioritized over the other categories; \$121 Million for infrastructure projects; \$26 Million for commission district designated projects, and \$59 Million for economic and social impact projects.

It was anticipated that \$47.825 million of the \$321 million in ARPA funding be used for revenue replacement for the provision of governmental services in FY 2020-21. The County's financial position at the end of FY 2020-21 was better than anticipated as tourist tax and other revenues rebounded in the last few months of the year. Of the anticipated \$47.825 million in ARPA funds required to close budgetary revenue gaps, only \$19.328 million was required. The unspent \$28.497 million will be set aside to address any future negative economic effects including the transition of the constitutional offices in 2025, as directed by the board and adopted in the FY 2021-22 budget. The update of the unspent funds will be presented in the FY 2022-23 Proposed Budget. The following expenses were identified and applied to the ARPA grant from resulting revenue expenditure gaps in FY 2020-21:

- \$17.029 million to Miami-Dade Police Department for public safety personnel expenses;
- \$1.782 million to the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department for beach maintenance;
- \$500,000 to Department of Transportation and Public Works for support of The Underline project, and
- \$17,000 to the Office of Management and Budget's Program Management Division for personnel costs related to managing the ARPA grant.

The FY 2021-22 budget anticipated using \$167.831 million (of the \$321 million) for governmental services. During the approval of the FY 2021-22 budget, the Board approved changes to the Proposed Budget that included using the remaining ARPA funding of \$479.909 million (\$527.734 million - \$47.825 million) for revenue replacement. As a result, the County was able to reallocate general fund revenues to fund projects categories identified in Resolution No. R-777-21, providing more flexibility with programming and allowing it to reallocate general fund revenues to fund the project categories intended through the resolution as well as to address future budgetary shortfalls. These project categories are as follows:

- Infrastructure Projects Program (\$121 million)
- Economic and Social Impact Projects Program (\$59 million)
- District Designated Projects Program (\$26 million)
- Future County Operational Support Program (\$273.909 million)

The County has timely submitted all required reporting mandated by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, which administers and oversees this grant, including the interim report and annual plan submitted on August 31, 2021, and the Quarterly report covering the period from March 3, 2021 to December 31, 2021 submitted on January 31, 2022.

Pursuant to Ordinance 14-65, this report will be placed on the next available Board agenda. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact David Clodfelter, Director, Office of Management and Budget at 305 375-5371.

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