



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of March 07, 2023
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of March 21, 2023

DATE: March 7, 2023
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The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Retention Grant funds from Nueces County in the amount of \$75,492.28 are appropriated in Health General Fund 1020 and Fund 1049 to distribute said funds to pay to the former County employees as additional, temporary premium pay. Required payroll deduction to be made prior to distribution.

CAPTION:

Ordinance appropriating \$75,492.28 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Retention funds from Nueces County per the Amended Cooperative Agreement for City-Operated Corpus Christi-Nueces County Public Health District; and amending the FY2023 Operating Budget to increase revenue and expenditures by \$75,492.28.

SUMMARY:

On March 1, 2022, the City became the sole operator of the Corpus Christi Nueces County Public Health District through a cooperative agreement with Nueces County. As part of the agreement, former Nueces County employees that were hired on as city employees were entitled to additional pay through the American Rescue Plan Act which was negotiated by Nueces County. Through the cooperative agreement, the award was transferred to the City to continue to administer to those employees at the rate determined by the Commissioners Court for the Remainder of the 2021-2022 fiscal year, as long as the employee remained with the Corpus Christi Nueces County Public Health District. This ordinance will appropriate these funds in order to be distributed to former Nueces County employees who are now current City of Corpus Christi employees at the Corpus Christi Nueces County Public Health District.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

On February 15, 2022, Nueces County commissioners and City Council signed the Amended Cooperative Agreement for City-Operated Corpus Christi-Nueces County Public Health District effective March 1st, 2022. Within the agreement, both parties agreed to provisions set forth to be effective on the date of the signed agreement.

Pursuant to Section 2. A, the City of Corpus Christi shall complete a one-time payment to 17 former Nueces County employees upon receiving the payment from Nueces County. The payment was received from Nueces County on 1/6/2023.

Section 2. A:

To the extent that the County has awarded ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) premium pay and or Retention Grant awards to County employees who become City employees, those awards will transfer to the City to continue to administer to those employees at the rate determined by the Commissioners Court for the remainder the 2021-2022 fiscal year, but only as long as the employee remains with the City Health District. The City will invoice the County periodically for the amount of the ARPA pay earned by each employee for the previous period, and the County will send that pay in a separate check to the City. The City will then distribute said pay to the former County employees as additional, temporary premium pay and make all required deductions therefrom.

On January 6th, 2023, Nueces County issued a check to the City of Corpus Christi for Invoice Number 2134ARPA092022 to the sum of \$75,492.28. The check covers 100% the American Rescue Plan Act premium pay for 17 former Nueces County Employees.

This payment was issued by Nueces County to the City of Corpus Christi in accordance with the terms of the Cooperative Agreement for City-Operated Corpus Christi - Nueces County Public Health District.

ALTERNATIVES:

Amend the Cooperative Agreement for City-Operated Corpus Christi - Nueces County Public Health District to remove the ARPA payments to the 17 former Nueces County employees.

FISCAL IMPACT: (Narrative no graphs) There is no fiscal impact, Nueces County is providing 100% of the funds to be allocated to city staff.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Revenue

Fund: 1020

Organization/Activity: 12601

Department: 044

Project # (CIP Only): N/A

Account: 303030

Expense

A summary of the payment distributions is as follows:

The received, designated ARPA funds shall be appropriated to the following funds/accounts in Table 1.

1020-12601-44	21,615.90
1020-12602-44	5,434.38
1020-12616-44	7,082.33
1020-12641-44	4,398.80
1020-12651-44	3,934.93
1020-12662-44	10,011.44
1020-12691-44	2,176.40
1020-12701-44	2,882.62
1049-12665-44	17,955.48
	<u>75,492.28</u>

The ARPA funds shall then be paid out to the 17 former county employees who are still employed at the Health District, in accordance with the Cooperative Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the Ordinance.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Amended Cooperative Agreement for City-Operated Corpus Christi-Nueces County Public Health District