



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-5836, **Agenda Item #:** 7.

10/10/2024

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Financial Services Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20240814-007) to reallocate \$920,000 of American Rescue Plan Act funding appropriations related to the Coronavirus disease outbreak and recovery efforts to increase funding for homelessness services.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Prior Council Action:

September 26, 2024 - Council adopted Resolution No. 20240926-074 directing the City Manager to develop a revision to the American Rescue Plan Act Spending Framework to identify funding in the amount of \$920,000 to support funding for a trained street outreach team and to bring the proposed revision to Council for approval at the October 10, 2024, Council meeting.

August 11, 2021 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20210811-001 adopting the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 City budget, which included two Council budget amendments for Downtown Austin Community Court Case Managers and the Healthcare for the Homeless Health and Wellness Center.

June 10, 2021 - Council adopted Resolution No. 20210610-077 adopting the American Rescue Plan Act Spending Framework and authorizing the City Manager to make the necessary allocations.

May 6, 2021 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20210506-002 to accept \$97,900,000 in funds from the United States Department of Treasury American Rescue Plan and appropriate \$44,800,000 for public health expenses related to the Coronavirus disease outbreak and recovery efforts and for community navigators to support the community.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

Council adopted Resolution No. 20240926-074 on September 26, 2024, directing the City Manager to develop and propose a revision to the American Rescue Plan Act Spending Framework at the October 10, 2024, Council meeting to identify funding in the amount of \$920,000 to support a trained street outreach team who work to prevent and reduce incidents involving unhoused individuals in the downtown area. Staff analyzed existing projects to determine which could have funding reallocated for this purpose without materially affecting delivery of the services originally outlined in the scope of the projects and identified \$920,000 to be reallocated from the Health and Resilience projects, as shown in the table below:

Category	Project Name	Original Budget	Percent Obligated	Amount to be Reallocated
Health	Public Health - IT Project	\$6,200,000	83%	\$830,000
Health	EOC Emergency Response	\$6,000,000	97%	\$60,000
Resilience	Resilience Hubs	\$3,000,000	95%	\$30,000