



Legislation Text

File #: 1590-2022, **Version:** 1

This ordinance authorizes awarding American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery funds, totaling \$386,192.00, to four local non-profit agencies that offer programming to at-risk youth and young adults. The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus package proposed by President Joe Biden to speed up the United States' recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing recession. The final, amended bill was signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021.

Due to the effects of COVID-19, the City of Columbus recognizes that many organizations providing summer training and programming opportunities may not have the capacity to do so in 2022. To help keep these programs going, the Department of Technology is allocating \$386,192.00 in ARPA moneys, to qualified Columbus area agencies, including:

- 934 Gallery - \$26,576.00
- Columbus College of Art and Design - \$51,700.00
- The Past Foundation - \$189,100.00
- Artsway - \$118,816.00

The aim of these organizations is to provide programming in various technologies, thus providing a foundation for future employment. For example, students will be introduced to 3D scanning, modeling and printing; cybersecurity; robotics; urban agriculture technology; photography; professional development; and college preparedness. The term of the contracts will be one year from the date of a confirmed purchase order by the City Auditor's Office.

The services being offered via contracts with the above-named organizations cannot be provided by existing city employees as they are outside the scope of the City's current responsibility and capacity.

Emergency Designation

Emergency action is requested to ensure that the funds are in place by summer break.

Fiscal Impact

Funding is provided to the City of Columbus from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund passed by Congress on March 10, 2021 and signed into law on March 11, 2021.

To authorize the Director of the Department of Technology to enter into non-profit service agreements with 934 Gallery, Columbus College of Art and Design, The Past Foundation and Artsway to provide programming in various technologies; to authorize the expenditure of up to \$386,192.00 from the Recovery Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$386,192.00) **(AMENDED BY ORD. 1911-2022 PASSED 7/11/2022)**

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus recognizes that, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many organizations providing summer training and programming opportunities may not have the capacity to do so in 2022

WHEREAS, The Mayor and City Council are committed to ensuring that these opportunities continue to be available; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Technology is allocating up to \$386,192.00 in American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund moneys to four local non-profit agencies to enter into one-year contracts, the term

of which begins on the date of a confirmed purchase order by the City Auditor's Office; and

WHEREAS, funds for the above-described allocation are available within the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund to address the above-mentioned needs; and

WHEREAS, such expenditure of funds has not been previously accounted for within the 2022 Budget; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Technology in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into four non-profit agreements to provide summer training and programming opportunities; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1: That the Director of the Department of Technology is hereby authorized to enter into non-profit service agreements with the following organizations for summer training and programming opportunities for a one year term, to begin on the date of a confirmed purchase order by the City Auditor's Office.

- 934 Gallery - \$26,576.00
- Columbus College of Art and Design - \$51,700.00
- The Past Foundation - \$189,100.00
- Artsway - \$118,816.00

SECTION 2: That the expenditure of up to \$386,192.00 or so much thereof as may be needed is hereby authorized in the Recovery Fund 2209, Dept-Div 47-02, in object class 03 (Services) per the accounting codes in the attachment to this ordinance (see 1590-2022EXP).

SECTION 3: That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 4: That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this legislation.

SECTION 5: That this agreement is awarded pursuant to the relevant provisions of Chapter 329 of City Code relating to the process for awarding not-for-profit service agreements.

SECTION 6: That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes.