



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Resolution approving the Pinellas County Employee Vaccination Incentive Program and supplementing the Fiscal Year 2022 American Rescue Plan Act Fund Budget for unanticipated revenue from the Department of Treasury for the American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund program.

Recommended Action:

Adopt a resolution to approve the Pinellas County Employee Vaccination Incentive Program and to recognize and appropriate unanticipated revenue for a particular purpose in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 American Rescue Plan Act Fund Budget.

- The Pinellas County Employee Vaccination Incentive Program, as reflected in the attached Exhibit A, is reasonably expected to result in a substantial increase in the rate of vaccinations as a result of a vaccine incentive and the positive public health benefit is reasonably proportional to the cost of the program.
- Employees from all Appointing Authorities and the Sheriff will be eligible for a \$750 incentive payment upon proof of vaccination, as per program guidelines.
- \$94,690,770.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) program will be recognized and appropriated for projects to be defined. This represents the first tranche of funding from the Department of Treasury under ARPA SLFRF with the second tranche of an equal amount to be received later in FY22.
- ARPA SLFRF will be used to fund the Vaccination Incentive Program with expenditures estimated at \$4,000,000.00 or less.

Strategic Plan:

Create a Quality Workforce in a Positive, Supportive Organization

1.3 Make workforce safety and wellness a priority

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

2.1 Provide planning, coordination, prevention, and protective services to create and enhance a safe, secure, and healthy community

Deliver First-Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources

Summary:

This resolution approves the Pinellas County Employee Vaccination Incentive Program, as reflected in the attached Exhibit A, and establishes that it is reasonably expected to result in a substantial increase in the rate of vaccinations as a result of a vaccine incentive and finds that the positive public health benefit is reasonably proportional to the cost of the program. The resolution also recognizes \$94,690,770.00 in unanticipated revenue into the FY22 American Rescue Plan Act Fund budget,

including an estimated amount of \$4,000,000.00 or less to fund the Vaccination Incentive Program.

Background Information:

On May 10, 2021, Treasury announced the launch of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, to provide \$350 billion in emergency funding for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments. Treasury also released details on how these funds can be used to respond to acute pandemic response needs, fill revenue shortfalls among these governments, and support the communities and populations hardest-hit by the COVID-19 crisis.

Treasury intends this relief to:

- Support urgent COVID-19 response efforts to continue to decrease spread of the virus and bring the pandemic under control;
- Replace lost public sector revenue to strengthen support for vital public services and help retain jobs;
- Support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses; and,
- Address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to the unequal impact of the pandemic on certain populations.

The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provide substantial flexibility for each jurisdiction to meet local needs, including support for households, small businesses, impacted industries, essential workers, and the communities hardest-hit by the crisis. These funds also deliver resources that recipients can invest in building, maintaining, or upgrading their water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.

Pinellas County is eligible to receive \$189,381,543.00 from the ARPA SLFRF and 50% of the funding was received on August 12. The second 50% will be received no earlier than one year after receipt of the initial funds. All funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and all funds expended by December 31, 2026. A new fund has been created within the County's accounting structure to facilitate tracking and reporting of the expenditure of these funds.

Fiscal Impact:

Adoption of this resolution recognizes revenue of \$94,690,770.00 and increases the FY22 operating budget for the American Rescue Plan Act Fund by the same amount. This resolution is not consistent with the FY22 Adopted Budget as the budget and accounting approach to be utilized had not yet been determined during budget development.

Expenditures for the Vaccination Incentive Program are estimated at \$4,000,000.00 or less and will be funded with ARPA SLFRF.

Staff Member Responsible:

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Partners:

N/A

Attachments:

Resolution

Exhibit A - Pinellas County Employee Vaccination Incentive Program