



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Recommendation to award grant funding to applicants of the second round of large capital projects funded by the American Rescue Plan Act nonprofit Capital Project Fund.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the recommended list of highest-ranked grant applicants for the second round of the large capital project track of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Nonprofit Capital Project Fund, administered by the Pinellas Community Foundation (PCF) and funded by the County's allocation of ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

The ARPA nonprofit Capital Project Fund is recognized under the Negative Economic Impact expenditure category, as identified by the US Department of Treasury, and responds to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency, by providing assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits.

The large capital project track of the ARPA nonprofit Capital Project Fund is intended to fund acquisitions of, or modification to, property by nonprofit organizations that have experienced a negative economic impact by the COVID-19 pandemic.

- After individually reviewing each grant proposal, the PCF independent rank and review committee met on December 12, 2023, to collectively rank and make award recommendations from the 42 eligible proposals requesting a total of \$12,644,023.25 in funding.
- The list of applications recommended for award, totaling \$2,967,000.00 in funding is attached.

Strategic Plan:

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

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

2.2 Be a facilitator, convener, and purchaser of services for those in need

Foster Continual Economic Growth and Vitality

4.2 Invest in communities that need it the most

4.6 Support a vibrant community with recreation, arts, and culture to attract residents and visitors

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources.

Summary:

Award \$2,967,000 in funding from the second round of the large capital project track of the ARPA Nonprofit Capital Project Fund as recommended by the Pinellas Community Foundation.

Background Information:

On May 10, 2021, Treasury announced the launch of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF), established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, to provide \$350 billion in emergency funding for eligible state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments.

The Coronavirus SLFRF provide substantial flexibility for each jurisdiction to meet local needs. This includes support for households, small businesses, impacted industries and nonprofits, 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 received \$189,381,543 from the SLFRF. All funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and expensed by December 31, 2026. Certain projects designated as part of the ARPA Flex Act must be expensed by September 30, 2026.

The Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners approved the ARPA SLFRF Spending Plan in concept, on January 11, 2022, and an amended Spending Plan on May 24, 2022. The spending plan included a \$19,000,000 budget for a Nonprofit Capital Project Fund. On June 21, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners approved an agreement with the PCF to administer the ARPA Nonprofit Capital Project Fund.

Round two of the large capital project track of the ARPA Nonprofit Capital Project fund has an allocation of \$2,900,000.00 for award recommendations to nonprofits. A total of \$12,019,023.25 in eligible large capital project proposals were submitted by 42 nonprofits. Fifteen of the 42 proposals have been recommended to receive fully funded awards.

On June 13, 2023, recommendations were made to the Board of County Commissioners for round one of the large capital projects with a total award distribution of \$10,500,000. Applications were received by 19 organizations, of which 12 were recommended for award. The Board of County Commissioners fully funded eight requests and partially funded the remaining four.

To date, the Board of County Commissioners has awarded a total of \$15,717,000 from the ARPA Nonprofit Capital Project Fund to Pinellas County nonprofits, assisting with their small and large-scale capital project needs.

Fiscal Impact:

This will disburse \$2,967,000 of the \$19,000,000 set aside for the ARPA Nonprofit Capital Project Fund.

Staff Member Responsible:

Chris Rose, Director of the Office of Management and Budget
Auria Oliver, Grants Administrator of the Office of Management and Budget

Partners:

Pinellas Community Foundation

Attachments:

Large Round 2 Nonprofit Capital Project proposal list.

Pinellas Community Foundation committee recommendations for the Large Round 2 Nonprofit Capital Project track of the ARPA Nonprofit Capital Project Fund.