

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2021**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2

SUBJECT: SAN DIEGO COUNTY FIRE - APPROVAL OF ACTIONS RELATED TO AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR INVESTMENT IN LOCAL, INDEPENDENT FIRE DISTRICTS (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

On June 8, 2021 (3), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for Infrastructure, allocating \$4 million for investment in local, independent fire districts.

Today's recommendation seeks Board approval for actions related to the use of the approved American Rescue Plan Act funding for Infrastructure, by establishing appropriations of \$4 million in San Diego County Fire for allocation to local, independent fire districts.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Approve the allocation methodology and authorize San Diego County Fire to take actions related to the use of American Rescue Plan Act funding for Infrastructure.
2. Transfer appropriations of \$4,000,000 from Finance Other, Other Charges to San Diego County Fire, Contribution to Other Agencies for allocation to local, independent fire districts.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

To provide for transparency and open government, the County of San Diego considered public input on the use of future federal and State COVID-19 stimulus funding. Although San Diego County, the 18 incorporated cities within the County, and other local public agencies have received federal stimulus funding related to COVID-19, unincorporated fire protection districts have not received any funding to mitigate the impact of COVID-19. The allocation of \$4 million of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds will help provide a more equitable distribution of funding across the region and ensure that unincorporated residents and fire district employees get much needed support.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds associated with this request are not included in the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Operational Plan in San Diego County Fire. If approved, today's action will result in costs and revenue of \$4,000,000 in San Diego County Fire for direct distribution to local, independent fire districts. The funding source is \$4 million in ARPA funds allocated directly to the County, plus estimated interest earnings. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond

State of California)
County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter