



CITY OF
WICHITA



ARPA Workforce and Small Business Development Grants



City Manager's Office

April 12, 2022



Background



- The City was awarded \$72.4 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding
- U.S. Treasury has identified eligible uses, including alleviating the negative economic impacts associated with the pandemic



Grant Program - Round 1



- On December 14, 2021, the City Council approved \$10 million in ARPA funding for workforce and small business development grants
- Staff received 81 applications totaling \$28.2 million
- Fifty-two applications didn't meet program eligibility requirements



Recommended Awards



- The Review Committee considered and scored 29 eligible applications based on program criteria
- The Committee recommends awarding almost \$6.4 million in funding for 15 applications
 - ~\$5.6 million in Workforce Development
 - ~\$800,000 in Small Business Development



Workforce Development Recommendations



Lead Applicant	Amount
WSU Tech (Healthcare)	\$ 2,014,535
Catholic Charities	60,000
WSU Tech (Manufacturing)	1,709,000
GraceMed Health Clinic	30,000
Wichita Women's Initiative Network	372,199
Starkey	59,800
Heartspring	266,500



Workforce Development Recommendations (Continued)



Lead Applicant	Amount
ICT Food Rescue	\$ 126,555
KANSEL	69,150
Greater Wichita YMCA	200,000
Episcopal Social Services (Breakthrough/ESS)	480,178
KETCH	95,000
Down Syndrome Society of Wichita	85,000
Total – Workforce Recommended Awards	\$ 5,567,917



Small Business Recommendations



Lead Applicant	Amount
Phillips Fundamental Learning Center	\$ 631,511
Groover Labs	161,000
Total – Small Business Recommended Awards	\$ 792,511



Due Diligence – Round 1



- Recommended Applicants have been vetted using TruView
- External audit firm has reviewed the City's application and selection process and the proposed uses of funds
- Staff have drafted agreements for each applicant, including the scope of services, performance measures, and financial reporting



Grant Program – Round 2



- Approximately \$3.6 million remains from the allocated \$10 million; staff recommend a second round of grants
- Grant application has been improved to collect better data and clearly notes scored questions
- The process clearly defines eligibility (non-profits and educational organizations only)



Grant Program – Round 2 (Continued)



Workforce Development:

- Grants for scholarships, apprenticeships, equipment or technology for skills development

Small Business Development:

- Grants for non-profits and educational entities only for programs to assist small businesses with services, sub-grants or loans



Due Diligence – Round 2



- Committee will review and score applications
- Vetting of applicants will be performed
- Risk factors of applicants will be identified to mitigate risk for the City
- Agreements, including financial and performance measure reporting, will be coordinated with each applicant
- External audit firm will review the award process



Expected Timeline – Round 2



Date	Description
04/13/2022	Issue Notice of Application for Funding
05/04/2022	Proposals Due by Midnight
06/03/2022	Notify Organizations of Award
06/21/2022	City Council Approves Agreements



Recommendation



- Approve the round one grant awards totaling \$6,360,428
- Approve a second round of grants up to \$3,639,572
- Authorize staff to initiate and coordinate the application process for the second round of grants





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