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Meeting Date: 06/21/2021
Recommended by: Larry Rains
Finance Director Review: Angele Ozoemelum
City Attorney Review: Brett Wallace
Approved by: Larry Rains
Type of Action Requested: Resolution

Prepared by: Larry Rains, City Manager

Date Submitted: 06/10/2021

SUBJECT:

Consideration of Resolution 5253.2 amending Resolution 5253, authorizing funding to restore the City Partnership allocation to the amount requested by each organization during the FY21 budget process, authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary agreements, and modifying the City Manager's method of reporting on CG Cares Funds.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended the Mayor and City Council approved Resolution 5253.2 authorizing funding to restore the City Partnership allocation to the amount originally requested by each organization and modifying the reporting requirements relating to CG Cares Funding.

DISCUSSION:

Each year during the annual budget process, the City requests the various partners providing specific services for the City to submit a funding application for those services provided. In FY21, the following funding requests were made:

- Greater Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce - \$43,500.
- Casa Grande Main Street - \$39,150.
- Pinal Alliance for Economic Growth - \$25,000.
- Pinal County Water Augmentation Authority - \$20,000.
- Casa Grande Valley Historical Society - \$34,000.
- Boys and Girls Club of Casa Grande - \$140,000.

During the course of the FY21 budget development, it was determined that reductions should be made to operational budgets due to the uncertainty of the economy during the global pandemic. City departments made various provisions to reduce their operational budgets by approximately 5%. Staff recommended similar reductions to Partnerships. Ultimately, Mayor and City Council approved the final FY21 budget with a 5% reduction to funding requests. As a result, the following funding allocations were granted to each Partner for services:

- Greater Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce - \$41,396.
- Casa Grande Main Street - \$37,192.
- Pinal Alliance for Economic Growth - \$23,748.
- Pinal County Water Augmentation Authority - \$19,000.
- Casa Grande Valley Historical Society - \$32,300.
- Boys and Girls Club of Casa Grande - \$133,000.

In August 2020, the Mayor and City Council approved Resolution 5253 adopting the City of Casa Grande Relief Plan. The approved plan proposed allocating funding in the "City Enhanced Response and Stabilization Element" to restore these non-profit organizations to an amount requested during the application process. In order for the funds in this element of the plan to be released, the Mayor and City Council are required to consider the request and recommendation.

Staff is recommending the Council authorize additional funding to the Partners in FY21 in the amount presented below:

- Greater Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce - \$2,104.
- Casa Grande Main Street - \$1,958.
- Pinal Alliance for Economic Growth - \$1,252.
- Pinal County Water Augmentation Authority - \$1,000.
- Casa Grande Valley Historical Society - \$1,700.
- Boys and Girls Club of Casa Grande - \$7,000.

In addition to restoring the partnership funding the original Resolution passed in August 2020 also required monthly reporting by the City Manager on the expenditure of funds at a City Council meeting. Staff believes this requirement was put in given the urgency of the state of emergency at the time and to provide maximum flexibility at the onset of the program. In the current environment, Staff feels that periodic written reports by the City Manager to the Mayor and Council would ensure the Mayor and Council remain informed on the status of the programs without having to make the reports during what are proving to be busy Council meetings and recommends making a change to the Resolution to begin a different reporting style. In fact, the initial Resolution contemplated this occurrence, allowing the Mayor and Council - by motion - to no longer require the monthly reporting. While only a motion is required to modify the reporting Staff recommends amending the Resolution while it was already being amended to provide an easier trail and greater transparency.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fiscal impact for the six agreements is \$15,014.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Reject Request