

RESOLUTION 2024-R74

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OBLIGATION OF FUNDING PROVIDED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS PROGRAM, A PART OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS IN ALL MATTERS RELATED TO THIS FUNDING, INCLUDING EXECUTION OF ALL RELATED AND NECESSARY DOCUMENTS.

WHEREAS, the City of New Braunfels has received an allocation of funding provided by the U.S. Department of the Treasury's (Treasury) Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program, a part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in the amount of \$10,995,314 to support the City in its response to, and recovery from, the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Treasury requires that all ARPA-SLFRF funding be obligated by the City of New Braunfels for eligible uses by December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Treasury requires that all obligated ARPA-SLFRF funding be expended by the City of New Braunfels by December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Braunfels agrees in the event of loss or misuse of expended ARPA-SLFRF funds, or ARPA-SLFRF funds that have not been obligated or expended by the aforementioned dates, the City of New Braunfels assures that the funds will be returned to the Treasury in full; and

WHEREAS, an Ad-Hoc committee was established in September 2021 at the direction of the New Braunfels City Council consisting of members of the Finance and Audit Committee (FAAC), to be supported by City staff from multiple departments, for evaluation of SLFRF-ARPA guidance and to form recommendations to the New Braunfels City Council (City Council) for eligible uses of funding; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Braunfels designates the City Manager to act as the authorized official for the ARPA-SLFRF allocation, allowing the City Manager to act on behalf of the City in all matters related to this funding, including execution of all related documentation; and

WHEREAS, since September 2021, the City of New Braunfels has found it in the best interest of the citizens of the City that \$10,459,316 of the City's ARPA-SLFRF allocation support eligible uses as follows:

- Administration (awarded contract with Baker Tilly US, LLP): \$300,000
- Utility Assistance (administered by McKenna Foundation): \$500,000
- Non-Profit Grant: Children's Advocacy Center of Comal County, Inc. for \$136,626
- Non-Profit Grant: Comal County Habitat for Humanity for \$207,500
- Non-Profit Grant: Communities in Schools of South-Central Texas for \$1,500,000
- Non-Profit Grant: Connections Individual and Family Services, Inc. for \$1,000,000
- Non-Profit Grant: Crisis Center of Comal County for \$1,000,000
- Non-Profit Grant: Friends of CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Foundation (New Braunfels Nursing Training and Education Center project) for \$50,000

- Non-Profit Grant: Friends of CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Foundation (Outpatient Rehabilitation Center project) for \$140,190
- Non-Profit Grant: NB Housing Partners for \$2,125,000
- Non-Profit Grant: San Antonio Food Bank for \$1,000,000
- Public Transportation (*multiple contracts for varied costs*): \$2,500,000

WHEREAS, in October 2024, the FAAC considered prospective eligible uses and formed recommendations for the remaining balance of \$535,998 in the City’s ARPA-SLFRF allocation to be formally approved by City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS:

THAT, the City of New Braunfels’ City Council approves full obligation of its SLFRF-ARPA funding, in accordance with all related and necessary documents as follows:

- Administration (awarded contract with Baker Tilly): \$335,998
- Utility Assistance (administered by McKenna Foundation): \$500,000
- Non-Profit Grant: Children’s Advocacy Center of Comal County, Inc. for \$136,626
- Non-Profit Grant: Comal County Habitat for Humanity for \$207,500
- Non-Profit Grant: Communities in Schools of South-Central Texas for \$1,500,000
- Non-Profit Grant: Connections Individual and Family Services, Inc. for \$1,000,000
- Non-Profit Grant: Crisis Center of Comal County for \$1,000,000
- Non-Profit Grant: Friends of CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Foundation (New Braunfels Nursing Training and Education Center project) for \$50,000
- Non-Profit Grant: Friends of CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Foundation (Outpatient Rehabilitation Center project) for \$140,190
- Non-Profit Grant: NB Housing Partners for \$2,300,000
- Non-Profit Grant: San Antonio Food Bank for \$1,000,000
- Public Transportation (*expanded scope, multiple contracts for varied costs*): \$2,825,000

ADOPTED AND APPROVED on this the 12th day of November 2024.

City of New Braunfels, Texas

NEAL LINNARTZ, Mayor

Attest:

GAYLE WILKINSON, City Secretary