



FRIENDS IN CRISIS GRANT  
AGREEMENT (ARPA)

RS-24-023

February 6, 2024

# Background

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- Families in Crisis, Inc. (FIC) provides emergency shelter and supportive services to persons experiencing homelessness through several programs including but not limited to: Domestic Violence Shelter, Emergency Solutions Grant Shelter Program, and Killeen Homeless Shelter, also known as, Friends in Crisis.

# Background

- ❑ On October 9, 2023, the City of Killeen received a letter, along with the 2022 Financial Statement, from FIC describing challenges with funding which would force the organization to cease operations of its homelessness shelter, Friends in Crisis, starting in March through September 2024.
- ❑ The reason for the anticipated shut-down was due to significant decreases in federal and state funding previously made available in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

# Background

- ❑ The amount requested was \$396,504 with monthly costs estimated as follows: Shelter Services – Wages and benefits \$42,813 and Operations – Food, Cleaning Supplies, Telephone, Electricity, Water, Repair and Maintenance \$6,759.00.
- ❑ On October 11, 2023, the City of Killeen received an updated letter decreasing the requested amount to \$347,004.00.

# Background

- ❑ On October 17, 2023, representatives from FIC appeared before council to request consideration for funding with the reappropriation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding as presented by Finance staff under agenda item DS-23-100.
- ❑ On November 28, 2023, a public hearing (PH-23-060) was held, and City Council directed staff to increase revenue and expense accounts in multiple funds including ARPA.

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- ❑ The ARPA reappropriation included funding for FIC for the Friends in Crisis Program in the amount of \$350,000 (Ord. 23-072).

# FIC ARPA Grant Agreement

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- The FIC ARPA grant agreement will fund operating expenses for the Friends in Crisis Program from March – September 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.
- FIC will request funding monthly as a reimbursement.
- FIC will submit quarterly progress report during the funding period.

# Recommendation

- Staff recommends the City Council authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute an ARPA subrecipient agreement for homelessness services with Families in Crisis in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.