



Lake County Illinois

Legislation Text

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Resolution approving a contract with Bronner Group, LLC, Chicago, Illinois in an amount not to exceed \$55,860 for consulting support in the administration of newly received American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and authorizing an emergency appropriation in Fund 746 ARPA Fund.

- In May, 2021, Lake County received one-half of approximately \$136 million Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds we are set to receive from the US Treasury through the American Rescue Plan Act. The funds can be used for needs associated with public health, to counteract negative economic impacts, provide services to disproportionately impacted communities, for infrastructure, to provide premium pay, to replace lost revenue, and for administrative purposes.
- As the County continues to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, specific time-sensitive initiatives and projects have been brought forward that require more immediate funding to ensure we have the ability to continue to support our residents during this unprecedented time.
- Lake County engaged Bronner Group to assist with the administration of its CARES Act funding as well FEMA Public Assistance requests. This successful assistance, knowledge of Lake County's operations and structure, and expertise and network within the federal grant environment has proven valuable in Lake County's oversight and use of the funds.
- Bronner Group LLC was asked to propose additional services to assist with ARPA funding, based on this long-standing successful relationship. A sole source committee reviewed the request and the Purchasing Agent has granted an exemption from a competitive procurement under Chapter 6-102 of the Purchasing Ordinance.
- This contract will not exceed \$55,860 and requires an emergency appropriation in the Fund 746 ARPA Fund.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Lake County values the expertise, guidance and administrative assistance provided by the Bronner Group on the CARES Act and FEMA Public Assistance; and

WHEREAS, Lake County has a longstanding, successful relationship with Bronner Group, LLC; and

WHEREAS, this expense is a valid use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding under the Administrative expenditure category; and

WHEREAS, Bronner Group LLC has provided a proposal that provides the requested and necessary services to assist with the newly received ARPA funding.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, that the professional services agreement for support in the administration of Lake County's American Rescue Plan funding in an amount not to exceed \$55,860 is authorized; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an emergency appropriation is authorized in the amount of \$55,860 in Fund 746 ARPA Fund, account 746-1000069-71150 (consulting).

DATED at Waukegan, Illinois, October 12, 2021.