



**City of Missoula, Montana
City Council Committee Agenda Item**

Committee: Public Safety, Health and Operations

Item: Continued COVID Funding

Date: June 2, 2022

Sponsor(s): Dale Bickell, D’Shane Barnett

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Ward(s) Affected:

- Ward 1
- Ward 2
- Ward 3
- All Wards
- Ward 4
- Ward 5
- Ward 6
- N/A

Action Required:

Commit an additional \$120,927 in American Recovery Plan Act funds for continued Health Department COVID response

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: Commit an additional \$120,927 in American Recovery Plan Act funds for continued Health Department COVID response for July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Timeline:

Committee discussion: June 8, 2022
 Council action (or sets hearing): June 13, 2022
 Public Hearing (if required): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)
 Final Consideration: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)
 Deadline: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Background and Alternatives Explored:

The Missoula City-County Health Department requires additional funding to continue handling high-priority COVID-19 cases. The Health Department requests approval to continue funding five full-time, temporary positions through December 2022. Personnel will manage the COVID call line, maintain case data, investigate and monitor cases, and other COVID-related duties. The City of Missoula and Missoula County will each pay 50 percent of the total \$241,854, six-month cost. Funding will be allocated from the City’s federal American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) allocation. This expense will be included in the City’s Fiscal Year 2023 budget. However, the funding must be allocated and approved prior to the start of the fiscal year to ensure we can continue this work.

Financial Implications:

This action will commit \$120,927 in federal ARPA funds for first half of FY2023.

Links to external websites: