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**AGENDA ITEM  
REQUEST/JUSTIFICATION FORM**  
(To be completed by requesting Department)  
Forward all requests to Sharon Bourke, LC2 Civic Center  
**DEADLINE SUBMITTAL IS 3:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY  
BEFORE THE TUESDAY MEETING**

Agenda item: Finance Committee

(i.e. Consent/Recognition-Proclamation/Presentation/Public Hearing/Committee, etc.)

Date to be on agenda: 5/3/2022

Exact wording to be used for the agenda: ARPA Funding : Approval of  
Resolution authorizing the award of \$30,000 to the Intercultural Senior Center  
to provide funding for the Mental Health Care Coordination for Older Adults  
Initiative which will provide mental health care to immigrants over 50 years of  
age.

Action requested:

Approval

Amount requested: \$30,000

Object Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Is item in current year's budget?

Yes X

No \_\_\_\_\_

Does this item commit funds in future years?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No X

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous action taken on this item, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendations and rationale or action: Award is consistent with the  
Guidelines issued by U.S. Treasury for utilization of ARPA funds.

Will anyone speak on behalf of this item, if so who? Commissioner Morgan

If this is a rush agenda item, please explain why: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by (Name & Dept.): Joe Lorenz, Director of Finance and Budget Ext. 444-6825

Date submitted: 4/27/2022

List Attachments: Resolution and Request

(Attach resolution and all pertinent documentation; i.e. contract, agreement, memorandums, etc.)

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Received in Administrative Office: Date 4/27/22 Time \_\_\_\_\_

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

*Resolved,*

**WHEREAS,** Douglas County, Nebraska received \$55.4 million from the federal government, pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), and is scheduled to receive another \$55.4 million next year; and,

**WHEREAS,** this Board has been discussing the most appropriate ways to utilize those funds; and,

**WHEREAS,** this Board has decided to consider internal County government requests and requests related to improving mental health services across the County, and has also allocated \$2.5 million of the ARPA funding to each of the Commissioners to aid their districts; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Board has received a request from the Intercultural Senior Center (ISC) to provide a portion of the funding for a new initiative known as the Mental Health Care Coordination for Older Adults Program; and,

**WHEREAS,** this program will allow ISC to make mental health care accessible through a stream-lined system encompassing mental health care, transportation, and language services, all being provided at ISC and other area clinics; and,

**WHEREAS,** this program will provide mental health care coordination, faster response times, and onsite one-on-one counseling while also arranging transportation for the target population of adults age 50 and up with special outreach to immigrants and refugees who face issues of transportation, language, culture and mobility; and,

**WHEREAS,** this request from ISC is for \$30,000 to provide administrative support in the form of data entry, filing and scheduling to assist the mental health professionals in providing care to their target population; and,

**WHEREAS,** this request has been vetted by the County Board's ARPA Strategy Committee and is being sponsored by Commissioner Morgan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA** that this Board hereby approves the request for \$30,000 of the County's ARPA allocation to provide funding to assist in the development of the Intercultural Senior Center's mental Health Care for Older Adults initiative. Also, the Chair of this Board is authorized and directed to execute whatever agreements or other documents are necessary to effectuate this resolution.

**DATED** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2022.