



# City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street  
Pensacola, FL 32502

## Memorandum

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**File #:** 22-00926

City Council

9/15/2022

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### **LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM**

**SPONSOR:** City Council Vice President Delarian Wiggins

**SUBJECT:**

MORATORIUM ON THE RELEASE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED TO R.E.A.P. FOR THE 1551 W. MORENO CAMP I SITE.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That City Council place a moratorium on the release of any ARPA funds previously allocated to R.E.A.P. for the 1551 W. Moreno Camp I site, allocated to address the homelessness issue, until a complete audit by a third party is conducted and an element of oversight is put in place.

**HEARING REQUIRED:** No Hearing Required

**SUMMARY:**

The City Council has allocated certain funds to R.E.A.P. in order to assist with addressing homelessness within the City. Due to some recent occurrences, it appears that there is a lack of oversight by the City of this organization, specifically at the W. Moreno Camp I site, and the activities being conducted.

This item seeks to place a moratorium on the release of any ARPA funds previously allocated by the City Council to R.E.A.P. for the W. Moreno Camp I site, until such time that an audit is conducted by an uninterested third-party and an oversight mechanism is put in place.

**PRIOR ACTION:**

August 12, 2021 - City Council allocated \$3,000,000 of ARPA funds to homelessness reduction

September 20, 2021 - City Council received a presentation from the Homeless Reduction Task Force regarding a plan for the expenditure of the City Council ARPA Fund Appropriation

December 1, 2021 - City Council held a Special City Council Meeting to allocate \$1,596,654 to certain organizations to assist in the homelessness reduction. The remainder was held by Council for future use

February 23, 2022 - City Council allocated an additional \$42,000 to Re-Entry Alliance Pensacola (R.E.A.P.) for the Safe Outdoor Shelter at Camp One (the Pathways for Change property)

August 18, 2022 - City Council allocated an additional \$200,000 to R.E.A.P. for the Lodges and Emergency Shelter for Women and Women with Families

**FUNDING:**

Budget:       \$ 0

Actual:       \$ TBD

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The cost of a third-party audit.

**STAFF CONTACT:**

Don Kraher, Council Executive

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1) None

**PRESENTATION:**   No