



## Valdosta City Council

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### **Consideration of appointments for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Non-Profit Grant Selection Committee.**

**HISTORY:** On March 11, 2021, the United States Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), which provides fiscal relief funds to State and Local Governments to support urgent COVID response efforts to decrease the spread of the virus, to replace lost public sector revenue to strengthen support for vital public services, to support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses, and to address systemic public health and economic challenges that have contributed to unequal impacts of the Pandemic on certain populations. The City of Valdosta was allocated \$16,254,692 under this program, of which ½ or 8,127,346 has been received to date.

Valdosta's non-profit community has been significantly impacted by the Pandemic in a variety of ways. Non-profit organizations have experienced greater operating costs even as their ability to raise the funds to meet these costs have been severely hampered. In many cases, this has also been accompanied by a significant increase in the demand for their services.

**FACTS AND ISSUES:** City Council designated \$945,000 of the City's ARPA allocation for assistance to non-profit organizations impacted by the Pandemic. In order to distribute this amount effectively and efficiently, the City will need the expertise of individuals with knowledge of the work done and the challenges faced by these organizations. The most effective way to obtain and utilize this expertise is to form a Selection Committee to advise the City as to the most affected and most effective