

**Request for Legislative Action**

<b>Completed by County Counselor's Office</b>			
Action Requested:	Resolution	Res.Ord No.:	20899
Sponsor(s):	Scott Burnett; Ronald E. Finley, Therese Cass Galvin	Legislature Meeting Date:	3/14/2022

Sponsors continued: Tony Miller, and Jalen Anderson

<b>Introduction</b>
<b>Action Items:</b> ['Authorize']
<b>Project/Title:</b>
A Resolution authorizing the County Executive to execute Cooperative Agreements with certain outside agencies from the 2022 American Rescue Plan Fund, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$180,000.00 for the negative economic impacts of COVID-19.

<b>Request Summary</b>
The 2022 Budget allocated funding totaling \$180,000 to Guadalupe Centers, Mattie Rhodes, and Palestine Senior Activity Center from the American Rescue Plan funds that were allocated for Disadvantaged Communities. These agencies have submitted proposals (attached) detailing the negative economic impacts of COVID-19 on their nonprofit and expenditure of funds which is summarized below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guadalupe Centers, \$30,000, food and transportation</li> <li>• Mattie Rhodes, \$30,000, staffing</li> <li>• Palestine Senior Activity Center, \$120,000, food and toiletry items for meals and pantries, staffing</li> </ul> Legislator Burnett and Legislator Finley will sponsor.

<b>Contact Information</b>			
<b>Department:</b>	County Legislature	<b>Submitted Date:</b>	3/2/2022
<b>Name:</b>	Crissy Wooderson	<b>Email:</b>	CWooderson@jacksongov.org
<b>Title:</b>	Legislative Auditor	<b>Phone:</b>	816-881-3310

<b>Budget Information</b>	
Amount authorized by this legislation this fiscal year:	\$180,000
Amount previously authorized this fiscal year:	\$ 0
Total amount authorized after this legislative action:	\$180,000
Is it transferring fund?	No
<b>Single Source Funding:</b>	

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Fund:	Department:	Line Item Account:	Amount:
050 (American Rescue Plan Fund)	7781 (Guadalupe Center)	56789 (Outside Agency Funding)	\$30,000
050 (American Rescue Plan Fund)	7765 (Mattie Rhodes)	56789 (Outside Agency Funding)	\$30,000
050 (American Rescue Plan Fund)	7731 (Palestine Senior Citizen Academy)	56789 (Outside Agency Funding)	\$120,000

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Prior Legislation	
Prior Ordinances	
Ordinance: 5574	Ordinance date: November
5570	November 22, 2021
Prior Resolution	
Resolution:	Resolution date:

Purchasing	
Does this RLA include the purchase or lease of supplies, materials, equipment or services?	No
Chapter 10 Justification:	
Core 4 Tax Clearance Completed:	
Certificate of Foreign Corporation Received:	
Have all required attachments been included in this RLA?	

Compliance	
Certificate of Compliance	
In Compliance	
Minority, Women and Veteran Owned Business Program	
Goals Not Applicable for following reason: Non-profit agencies	
MBE:	.00%
WBE:	.00%
VBE:	.00%
Prevailing Wage	
Not Applicable	

Fiscal Information	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is a balance otherwise unencumbered to the credit of the appropriation to which the expenditure is chargeable and there is a cash balance otherwise unencumbered.</li> </ul>	

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### History

Crissy Wooderson at 3/2/2022 12:41:06 PM - [Submitted | ]  
Department Director: Mary Jo Spino at 3/2/2022 1:10:08 PM - [ Approved | mjs ]  
Finance (Purchasing): Barbara J. Casamento at 3/2/2022 1:32:48 PM - [ Not applicable | ]  
Compliance: Katie M. Bartle at 3/2/2022 1:57:56 PM - [ Approved | ]  
Finance (Budget): Mark Lang at 3/2/2022 4:56:29 PM - [ Approved | The fiscal note is attached. ]  
Executive: Sylvya Stevenson at 3/3/2022 8:59:41 AM - [ Approved | ]  
Legal: Elizabeth Freeland at 3/9/2022 9:10:34 AM - [ Approved | ]





# Guadalupe Centers

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February 24, 2022

Crissy Wooderson  
Legislative Auditor  
Jackson County Legislature  
415 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Ms. Wooderson,

Please accept this letter in response to information you requested regarding a potential \$30,000 in supplemental funding from the American Rescue Plan Funds for Guadalupe Centers (GC).

As you are aware, the negative economic impacts of Covid19 have been catastrophic for many Jackson County residents, especially for low-income individuals and families. One of the most vulnerable populations served by Guadalupe Centers is an older adult population, the majority of who are on low and fixed incomes. Because of the pandemic, various organizational “pivots” have been necessary to continue meeting the varied needs of this special population, as identified in the Older Americans Act. Guadalupe’s overall objective continues to be the provision of comprehensive services that support older adults in living independently. We remain committed to supporting needed access to daily nutrition through meals on wheels programming, congregate dining as permitted, and delivery of bi-weekly food pantry assistance. As a result of Covid, food and transportation price indexes increased, consequently driving up consumer prices for all. The operating costs associated with this comprehensive service delivery model continue to increase, as related to food supplies, and the operation of a transportation component. In program year 2020 the cost for one packaged home delivered meal was \$4.24 and today that same meal cost is \$5.97. Additionally, the unit cost for transportation in program year 2020 was \$3.40 and today it is \$4.25. This is just one example of the shifting economy brought on by Covid.

In closing, if Guadalupe Centers is awarded \$30,000, we would budget \$20,000 to support the transportation component (maintenance/gas/miscellaneous for 3 customized food transport vehicles) and \$10,000 to support purchase of food supplies. To that end, Guadalupe Centers is committed to the provision of quality nutritional programming for the community’s older adults and hopes that you can act favorably upon our request. If additional information is needed please let us know. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Diane Rojas  
Vice President Health & Human Services



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Mattie Rhodes Center  
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Mattie Rhodes Center's mission is to enrich the lives of individuals, families and communities in a respectful, multicultural environment.

Mattie Rhodes Center is one of Kansas City, Missouri's oldest not for profit organizations, established in 1894, whose focus is primarily on the Latino population.

Our staff provides culturally competent programming in the following four areas:

- Family Services & Support (behavioral health, in-school intervention, family violence, substance abuse)
- Youth Development (early childhood education, youth development, supportive living)
- Community Economic Development (health and wellness, economic development and affordable housing)
- Cultural Arts (arts education, exhibits and collections)

Mattie Rhodes Center is requesting funds to provide emergency rent, utility, and food assistance for families financially impacted by the COVID pandemic.

MRC has been awarded ERAP dollars by the city of KCMO and MHDC ESG dollars, each of which allow only a small amount of administrative expenses. These funds are currently used to support the extensive accounting functions related to direct emergency assistance. We are in need of additional funds to pay for staff support to administer these funds.

The target population for this project is the heart of the underserved, uninsured, low income immigrant/migrant community in Jackson County; the Historic Northeast serves as the "entry point" for many immigrants/migrants arriving in Kansas City, Missouri. For area families, the median household income is \$27,887, and for some, their income dips below \$20,000.

Participants seeking emergency assistance with rent and utilities meet with the program coordinator to assess eligibility, with rent and utility payments being made directly to the landlord and utility companies. Families requiring emergency food assistance do not have to verify financial need. The \$30,000 in requested funding will assist in building capacity to quickly get financial assistance to families and individuals who need it the most.

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The \$30,000 request will fund 1 FTE direct program staff salaries and benefits at a rate 10% that are currently under- or unfunded. We have served over 300 families with food, rent and utilities assistance since the program's inception in April 2020. Through December 31, 2022, we anticipate being able to serve at least an additional 200 families. The low income, minority families that MRC serves have been impacted in a number of detrimental ways throughout the pandemic. And as we move into 2022, the coronavirus pandemic seems to be controlled and cases are trending in a positive direction, however tremendous damage has been done to families from a financial standpoint.

Here in Kansas City, the eviction moratorium has come to an end putting many families in dire situations. Studies from cities throughout the country have shown that people of color, particularly Black and Latinx people, constitute approximately [80% of people facing eviction](#). Mattie Rhodes Center has the ability to help these families in need, we just need the funds to build our staffing capacity to deliver these resources in a timely manner.

Enclosed:  
MRC Form 990 – 2020





## COVID-19 IMPACT STATEMENT

In response to the Covid-19 Pandemic and the impact it has had on Palestine Senior Citizens Activity Center, we have had a significant spike in the number of people we serve by more than 50%, with 100% being low-income house households primarily African American. We have adapted our service models to minimize transmission risk while helping those in need. To overcome operational challenges in food insecurity and health, we had to shut our doors for socialization and take the virtual approach from March of 2020 thru June of 2021; in doing so, instead of serving congregate meals, we offered home hot delivered meals along with food and toiletry pantries Monday - Friday. Instead of in-person health classes, social meetings, and fitness classes, we now offer virtual courses and training by expanding our reach into our members' homes to help them remain active and connected. We hired additional staff members: two drivers to deliver meals and pantries, a program coordinator, and an administrative assistant.

With the Covid -19 Crisis still present and dictating the functionality of the world we live in, PSCAC must remain fluid and adapt to avoid complete cancelation of programs and minimum disruption to services.

The following bullet points will address the areas we saw the most impact:

- Major decrease in funding by more than 25%.
- 75% reduction in individual contribution.
- 5an increase in members and the public served.
- PSCAC Struggling to secure operational funds to pay for utilities and maintenance.
- Budgetary implications related to strains on the economy.
- Food cost increased by more than 10% and challenges locating supplies.
- Increased need to educate our members to use technology and other resources to stay connected, social, and active to prevent loneliness, isolation, and depression.
- Demand for more case management and support for our members as more than 30 % struggled with paying bills, locating food, and keeping their housing. PSCAC has assisted 493 members in applying for emergency assistance to help with rent and utilities.
- 65% monthly increase to food and toiletry pantry request and delivery.
- We have significant implications for protecting our staff while serving clients in their homes and center.

To address the points. PSCAC will continue serving hot home-delivered meals as well as congregate meals, food, and toiletry pantries, provide health and technology classes, transportation to and from the center, doctor's office, and store runs. From March 2021 to December 2022, we will spend \$80,000.00 on food and toiletry items to provide meals and pantries. \$40 000.00 on staff to facilitate our efforts.