

## City Council

**Date:** August 30, 2021

**To:** Mesa City Council

**Through:** Natalie Lewis, Deputy City Manager

**From:** Ruth Giese, Community Services Director  
Mary Brandon, Community Services Deputy Director

**Subject:** Intergovernmental Agreement for the Acceptance of Maricopa County U.S. Department of Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance 1.0 Grant Funds (ERA1)

## Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to provide information for the Mesa City Council to approve and authorize the City Manager to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) with Maricopa County for the City to be a subrecipient of Emergency Rental Assistance 1.0 grant funds in the total amount of \$5,500,000 that were awarded to Maricopa County by the U.S. Department of Treasury (“Treasury”).

## Background

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 established the Emergency Rental Assistance 1.0 program (“ERA1”) to provide financial assistance and housing stability services to eligible households who experienced financial hardship due directly or indirectly to the COVID-19 outbreak. The City of Mesa was awarded ERA1 funds by the Treasury to operate an ERA1 program in Mesa. The City of Mesa expended all its ERA1 funding for rental and utility assistance to Mesa residents who were financially impacted by COVID-19.

## Discussion

Maricopa County seeks to enter into an IGA to provide the City of Mesa, as a program subrecipient, with \$5,500,000.00 in Treasury awarded ERA1 funding for the continued operation of the City’s ERA1 program that will assist Mesa residents with rent and utility assistance. Under the ERA1 program, monthly rental and utility assistance can be made up to 15 months back to March 2020, for arrears and one-two months forward. Maricopa County will require monthly reporting and reimbursement requests. All funds must be expended by September 30, 2021.

The IGA also allows the City to be reimbursed up to \$500,000 of the awarded funds for City program-related administrative expenses.

The attached IGA, if approved by Council, would be entered into by the Parties as the IGA was approved by the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors at their August 3, 2021 meeting.

### **Alternatives**

The alternative is to not accept the ERA1 funding, which will result in assisting less Mesa residents with rental and utility assistance.

### **Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact to the City. The funds will be made available to the City on a reimbursement request basis. The funding will fully support the program assistance, including administrative cost up to 10%.

### **Attachments**

Intergovernmental Agreement