



Amend Ordinance for Affordable Housing Wi-Fi Initiatives (Ordinance S-50220)

Request to authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to amend Ordinance S-49245 to provide access to Wi-Fi and internet connectivity, digital skills training, Wi-Fi and digital broadband infrastructure, and other digital initiatives to address the needs of additional households living in public and affordable housing communities, and to take all actions and execute all documents to provide the services. Further request the City Controller to disburse all funds for the life of the program.

Summary

On Dec. 14, 2022, City Council approved Ordinance S-49245 to appropriate, expend and disburse up to \$3 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for public and affordable housing Wi-Fi initiatives at 10 communities. The Housing Department is seeking approval to provide these services at additional public and affordable housing communities as ARPA funding allows. The additional communities are:

- Ambassador West, 345 N. 5th Ave. (102 units)
- Camelback Greens, 5102 N. 11th Ave. (45 units)
- Camelback Village, 5102 N. 11th Ave. (102 units)
- Cypress Manor, 5726 N. Black Canyon Highway (64 units)
- Desert Meadows, 16819 N. 42nd Ave. (148 units)
- Foothills Court, 1606 W. Peoria Ave. (82 units)
- Foothills on the Preserve, 1525 E. Cheryl Drive (144 units)
- Harmony at the Park I-III, N. 20th St. between Villa and Polk Street (325 units)
- Henson Village Family, 840 W. Tonto St. (420 units)
- Henson Village Senior Living, 1045 S. 8th Ave. (129 units)
- La Cascada I, 248 E. Ruth Ave. (37 units)
- La Cascada II, 229 E. Ruth Ave. (36 units)
- Ladera del Norte, 11222 N. 16th Ave. (30 units)
- Paradise Greens, 16001 N. 25th St. (67 units)
- Paradise Village, 2525 E. Aire Libre Ave. (61 units)
- Park Lee, 1600 W. Highland Ave. (523 units)
- Phoenix Starfish Place, Confidential Address (15 units)
- Pine Crest, 2601 W. Claremont St. (264 units)
- Red Mountain Springs, 1652 N. 52nd St. (52 units)

Reflections on Portland, 201 E. Portland St. (18 units)
Sahuaro West, 1650 W. Sahuaro Drive (59 units)
Sand Dollar, 18410 N. 27th Ave. (70 units)
Santa Fe Springs, 1717 W. Glendale Ave. (310 units)
Soluna I and II, 950 N. 19th St. (177 units)
The Symphony, 1050 S. 16th Drive (83 units)
Windrose Villas, 1520 W. Peoria Ave. (115 units)
Yale Court, 2524 N. 31st St./3034 E. Yale St. (12 units)

This will allow up to 4,941 low-income households to receive these services at no cost for up to three years, including the 10 communities previously approved.

Financial Impact

This program is funded by ARPA, and there is no impact to the General Fund.

Concurrence/Previous Council Action

City Council approved Ordinance S-49245 on Dec. 14, 2022, to implement additional federal public housing and affordable housing resources, initiatives, and program amendments, including the ARPA funded Wi-Fi initiatives.

Responsible Department

This item is submitted by Deputy City Manager Gina Montes and the Housing Department.