



**FAMILY GUIDANCE CENTER AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT
ALLOCATION**

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Following approval of a \$600,000 allocation of American Rescue Plan Act funds for Family Guidance Center's development of a behavioral health urgent care unit, citizens and business operators raised concerns to the City about the impact of the unit. In an effort to address the concerns, the City requested information from Family Guidance Center, stating as follows:

"The City's Zoning Code establishes minimum legal requirements for land development, but the City always encourages those pursuing development to reach out to area neighborhoods, openly discuss concerns, and work toward addressing concerns. As a financial supporter of the development of the [behavioral health urgent care unit], we must also respond to neighborhood concerns. The information requested in this letter will better enable us to provide adequate responses as we receive inquiries from concerned citizens."

The correspondence to Family Guidance Center asked for specific information before funds would be released, noting the following:

"If you can provide responses to those concerns, including any plans you may have previously developed and any new plans you may develop in response to the stated concerns, that information may enable the City to release American Rescue Plan Act funding."

The correspondence was sent to Family Guidance Center on May 17, and on May 31 the agency provided an extensive response and agreed to present the information in a work session scheduled for Wednesday, June 29, 2022. The City has acknowledged the commitment to provide funding, worked with the Family Guidance Center co-CEOs to address public concerns, and plans to address those concerns on June 29. A funding request has not yet been submitted by Family Guidance Center and, as a result, no funding request has been denied.

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