



CITY OF SOUTH BEND

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Redevelopment Commission Agenda Item

DATE: 4/28/2022
FROM: Caleb Bauer, Deputy Director of Community Invest
SUBJECT: Refugee Support Services

_____ Pres/V-Pres

ATTEST: _____ Secretary

Date: _____

APPROVED Not Approved

SOUTH BEND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Funding Source* (circle one) River West; River East; South Side; Douglas Road; West Washington; RDC General

*Funds are subject to the City Controller's determination of availability; if funds are unavailable, as solely determined by the City Controller, then the authorization of the expenditure of such funds shall be void and of no effect.

Purpose of Request: Disbursement of funds for the support of recently resettled immigrants in partnership with La Casa de Amistad

Specifics: Requesting \$50K from Redevelopment Commission-controlled Pokagon fund

This request for funds aims to extend support to immigrants recently resettled in South Bend. Since December, more than 60 Afghan refugees have been resettled in the city. With the recent events in Ukraine and other ongoing crises around the world, refugee resettlement agencies anticipate approximately 50 or more new arrivals by the Fall.

The funds requested will supplement the costs of translation and interpretation services for legal work and health care, including mental health care. The funds will also supplement transportation services while immigrants work towards attaining driver's licenses. They will also cover the administrative costs of these services.

We request \$50,000 to be utilized from the Redevelopment Commission-controlled Pokagon fund to support these services through La Casa de Amistad.

La Casa will administer the funds and provide or subcontract out legal, translation and interpretation, and transportation services for the affected population.

INTERNAL USE ONLY: Project ID: PROJ _____;

Total Amount – New Project Budget Appropriation _____;

Total Amount – Existing Project Budget Change (increase or decrease) \$ _____;

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Funding Limits: Engineering: \$ _____; Other Prof Serv Amt \$ _____;
Acquisition of Land/Bldg (circle one) Amt: \$ _____; Street Const Amt \$ _____;
Building Imp Amt \$ _____; Sewers Amt \$ _____; Other (specify) Amt \$ _____