



# Polk County

## Legislation Text

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### **SUBJECT**

Approve First Amendment to American Rescue Plan Local Fiscal Recovery Funding Agreement with Chapters Health Foundation Inc. on behalf of Good Shepherd Hospice. (No fiscal Impact)

### **DESCRIPTION**

The United States government has provided the County American Rescue Plan Act funds (ARP Funds) to assist in responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency. A portion of the ARP Funds have been allocated to address COVID-19's impact on public health as well as its economic harm to households, small businesses, non-profits, and impacted industries. After requesting and receiving requests for an allocation of ARP Funds from small businesses and non-profit agencies located in Polk County, the Board selected recipients who will receive an ARP Fund award to address these impacts.

Good Shepherd Hospice (GSH) provides free, professional grief counseling on and off-site to all ages in Polk County. GSH is the only nonprofit provider of free, professional, and comprehensive bereavement counseling in the county. Free grief programming by GSH includes Free Bereavement Counseling for the community at GSH, Childhood Bereavement Toolkits (English/Spanish) distributed to all Polk County Schools, Grade-Appropriate Grief Healing Support Bags for Grieving Children and Teens, and Comprehensive Grief Support Programming at the Bethany Center for Grieving Children in Auburndale and Lakeland.

GSH has completed its initial projected timeline and has identified an unused balance of \$169,038.78. The agency is requesting an extension of its timeline and modification of budgeted items with an effective date of 1/01/2023. As outlined in Exhibit "A", the agency is requesting to adjust salary reimbursement to reflect net pay instead of gross pay, clarify that the \$15,000.00 requested for capital item (Saltwater Aquarium) includes \$10,000 for yearly maintenance, replace the original request for audio/visual equipment in the Arts & Crafts Room with a television/wall mount, gaming system/games and add closet storage (a shelving system) at the Bethany Center in Lakeland. GSH is also requesting to add the purchase of new age-appropriate grief books and marketing/advertisement cost to its budgeted items.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Request the Board approve the First Amendment to the American Rescue Plan Local Fiscal Recovery Funding Agreement with Chapters Health Foundation Inc.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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