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STAFF REPORT
BOARD MEETING DATE: *December 10, 2024*

DATE: Monday, March 10, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Gabrielle Enfield, Community Reinvestment Manager Office of the County Manager genfield@washoecounty.gov

THROUGH: Kate Thomas, Assistant County Manager
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SUBJECT: Recommendation, in accordance with NRS 244.1505, to approve allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) in the total amount of [\$1,219,519], approve associated resolutions, and authorize the County Manager to sign necessary award documents, for the following eight projects awarded to government entities or nonprofit organizations created for charitable, religious, or educational purposes:

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And, if approved, direct Finance to make necessary net zero cross-fund and/or cross-functional budget appropriation transfers. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

Washoe County has worked to identify community-based initiatives and regional programs to support community members in recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The eight projects named in this report represent a \$1,219,519 investment in public health, animal welfare, housing security, and community

development in Washoe County. Projects were selected in accordance with Washoe County strategic goals and objectives, Board ARPA-SLFRF Guiding Principles, and ARPA-SLFRF eligibility. The Board of County Commissioners have authority to approve new ARPA projects over \$500,000 and approve sub-granting of funds to nonprofit organizations and governmental entities in accordance with NRS 244.1505.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Fiscal Sustainability, Economic Impacts, Vulnerable Populations, and Innovative Services

PREVIOUS ACTION

On September 17, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners approved \$1,505,000 in additional SLFRF funding to the following projects: Nation's Finest - Veterans Services \$150,000; Sun Valley General Improvement District \$60,000; Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe – Gerlach Fire Services \$200,000; Public Defenders Paralegal Program \$80,000; Rancho San Rafael Community Events Space Phase I, \$1,000,000; Washoe County HR Recruitment Incentive \$15,000.

On September 17, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners re-approved \$3,197,000 in SLFRF funding to the following projects: Tenancy Support Program \$790,000; Sheriff Office Staffing Study \$89,900; Community Art and Washoe Artrail \$200,000; Seven Magic Mountains \$500,000; Communities in Schools \$238,000; Notables Accessibility \$305,000; Courage House \$250,000; Truckee River Rangers \$200,000; Northern Nevada Literacy Council \$100,000; Rebuilding Together Northern Nevada \$75,000; Family Respite Care of Nevada \$50,000; Tahoe Area Regional Transportation \$400,000.

On August 20, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners approved \$3,197,900 in additional funding allocations to six new projects and six project amendments.

On June 25, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners approved a modification to an existing project titled Second Judicial District Court – Family Peace Center changing the Family Peace Center Coordinator position which was funded part-time to a full-time position. This resulted in a net-zero impact.

On May 28, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners approved the subaward with resolution for a newly funded ARPA project for the Emergency Eviction Prevention Program of Nevada (EPPN) for \$200,000 to assist 300-320 households at risk of homelessness through housing stabilization advisory and resource navigation, preservation of rental history and preservation of relationships between landlords and tenants.

April 23, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners approved additional allocations in the amount of \$326,696 for a total amended award of \$451,696 to the following existing projects amendments: Behavioral Health Crisis Response plan; to support a coalition of community partners and facilitation of strategic planning and implementation of a sequential intercept model (SIM) in Washoe County and implementation and transition for the behavioral health crisis response system project management to Washoe County.

On March 19, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners approved additional allocations in the amount of \$303,197; to the following new projects, Human Services Agency GenArete Pilot Program (\$49,500), which will utilize a dynamic tool to create high quality, individualized learning plans for children with developmental disabilities; Permanent Supportive Housing – Supportive Services Needs Assessment (\$28,000), which will provide funds to conduct a comprehensive needs assessment for supportive services in Northern Nevada; and approved an increased allocation to the previously approved project: for the District Attorney's Office – Court Case Backlog Personnel Workstations by \$225,697 for a total of \$616,429 to cover fire and seismic requirements as well as increased construction costs.

For all Board of County Commissioner actions related to the American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds between July 20, 2021 through July 2024 visit the [Washoe County ARPA webpage](#).

BACKGROUND

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act was signed into law, and established the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. Washoe County was awarded a grant of \$91,587,038 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF).

NEW ARPA-FUNDED PROJECTS

Office of the County Manager			
	Golden Eagle/Spanish Springs Shooting Range	\$80,000	Approval Recommended
Description:	Washoe County, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the United States Forest Service (USFS) are working together to establish a cooperative framework for managing recreational shooting on public lands. The collaboration is designed to address key issues related to recreational shooting in populated and congested areas, ensuring public safety, environmental protection, and the sustainable use of natural resources. The funding for this project will support the preliminary work required to establish the shooting range, including: a Plan of Development necessary for making application to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for a Recreation and Public Purpose (R&PP) lease, and to initiate an environmental review to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements to institute a safe recreation shooting area.		
Category	3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery		

The Center for Nonprofit Business			
	Regional Nonprofit Capacity Building	\$50,000	Approval Recommended
Description:	Funding will support development of a website that will function as a regional nonprofit resource hub, providing a source to find local capacity building service providers and resources like trainings, documents, guides, and tools, and will support the development and provision of training to increase nonprofit capacity. Nevada nonprofits rank 45 th in federal spending per capita as many of Nevada's nonprofit organizations lack sufficient infrastructure and experience to compete for, and manage, federal dollars to invest in our communities. This funding will be used to compile information about local capacity building service providers and to develop and facilitate training for local nonprofits with the specific purpose of increasing local agency capacity so they can better address local community needs.		
Resolution	R24-103		
Category	2.34: Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations (Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted)		

Nevada Humane Society			
	Community Spay and Neuter Project	\$600,000	Approval Recommended
Description:	This program will support the operation of a public high-volume, high-quality spay/neuter program at the Nevada Humane Society (NHS). This program aims to perform 4,000 surgeries within the first 12 months of operation and grow to 5,600 surgeries the following year. This volume of low-cost surgeries will effectively reduce the number of unwanted animal births annually in our community. This initiative aims to address Northern Nevada's ongoing pet overpopulation by enhancing access to low-cost spay/neuter services through mobile clinics, MASH (Mobile Animal Surgical Hospital) clinics, and the Reno Campus clinic. In partnership with Washoe County Regional Animal Services, NHS will implement a comprehensive strategy to reduce shelter overcrowding		

	and alleviate the strain on local resources, which has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. By reinstating and expanding these essential services, NHS will help lower the intake of homeless animals, decrease the number of unwanted litters, and support a health pet population, ultimately improving life for all pets in Northern Nevada.
Resolution	R24-95
Category	2.34: Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations (Impacted or Disproportionately Impacted)

Options Veterinary			
	Access to Spay/Neuter Services for Washoe County Residents	\$200,000	Approval Recommended
Description:	This project will support vulnerable low-income populations in providing essential spay/neuter services for their beloved pets. Funding will provide spay/neuter services to over 3,200 family pets and community cats. It will cover the cost of an exam and spay/neuter surgery. Additionally, Options will treat other incidental health conditions encountered to help ensure the health of the animal population. Treatment includes providing vaccinations, as this is a public health and safety consideration that impacts all residents of the county, including those who do not own pets.		
Resolution	R24-104		
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Gerlach General Improvement District			
	Facility Improvement Projects	\$162,932	Approval Recommended
Description:	Gerlach General Improvement District (GGID) to support projects consisting of improvements to GGID facilities, 1) GGID Community Center, energy efficient windows and doors, LED lighting and a heat pump HVAC system, 2) a Quonset hut foundation and concrete repairs at the GGID transfer station; 3) an eye wash station and an emergency shower at the GGID town shop; 4) an anemometer to be installed at the GGID water treatment plant; 5) and purchase of a Sewer Jetter and brush mower for the maintenance of GGID lands and systems. Remaining funds, if any, will be used to support foundation repairs for the historic Gerlach water tower.		
Resolution	R24-105		
Category:	6.1 Provision of Government Services		

Two Hearts Community Development			
	Supportive Services Planning and Proposal Development	\$14,333	Approved Under \$500,000
Description:	State of Nevada, AB310 appropriates \$32.2 million to be used to develop supportive housing, build capacity of nonprofits to deliver supportive services, and to measure outcomes of supportive housing. Two Hearts Community Development, LLC, in collaboration with the Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB) and the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), are developing a supportive service workforce training program. AB310 is providing statewide funding for permanent supportive housing (PSH) applicants to develop and test high fidelity wrap around services. This contract supports activities provided to Washoe County providers applications to the State of Nevada to help PSH projects strengthen their AB310 funding proposals by leveraging existing, underutilized resources in Northern Nevada.		
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AMENDMENTS

Fitness Courts – Rancho San Rafael & South Valleys Regional Park			
	Fitness Courts – Rancho San Rafael & South Valleys Regional Park	\$312,000	Approval 10/11/22
Description:	Two fitness courts were installed in County parks located at Rancho San Rafael and South Reno Regional Parks. These fitness courts support our efforts to provide County residents with fun, and convenient opportunities for physical activity, that is free and available to all residents. The fitness courts are built to be easily accessible state-of-the-art outdoor fitness courts. Local art is displayed on each of the two fitness courts. The ARPA-SLFRF funding will support 76% of the costs and a grant from Renown Health will support 24% of the costs.		
Category:	2.22: Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety		
Amendment #1:	Fitness Courts – Enhancements	\$187,568	Approved 4-25-23
Description:	Increased budget authority is requested for two key reasons: (1) Due to higher than anticipated costs as the result of increased price of materials, supply chain disruptions and labor shortages, the cost for site preparation and concrete for the courts has increased substantially. (2) As an added feature to promote increased usage during the summer months, a fabric shade structure has been added to the project plan for each location.		
Amendment #2	Shade Structure – Rancho San Rafael & South Valley Fitness Courts	\$12,000	Recommend Approval
Description:	Increased budget is requested due to higher than anticipated bid costs.		
	Fitness Courts with Shade Structures	\$511,568	Total ARPA-funded Project Costs

Human Services Agency			
Project #5	Our Home (WC Health)	\$661,500 (original)	Approved 12-14-2021
Description:	Washoe County's Our Home facility serves community members suffering with severe mental illness, or intellectual or developmental disabilities who have not been able to access the supportive housing resources they need because of COVID-19. The project provides for supportive housing of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities or mental health conditions that impede their ability to live with complete independence and includes access to comprehensive case management and continuum of care who would otherwise remain or become homeless due to their medical, physical, intellectual, or mental health condition.		
Amendment #1	Increased funds to continue contract through June 2023 to provide housing support for individuals suffering with severe mental illness, intellectual or developmental disabilities. Support for FY23 contract with WellCare.	\$593,700	Approved 6-28-2022
Amendment #2	FY24 Service Contract	\$661,500	Approved 7-11-2023
Description	The Human Services Agency continued to need services provided by WellCare/WC Health to individuals suffering from severe mental illness, intellectual or developmental disabilities to support their independence. The contract was funded through APRA-SLFRF during FY22, FY23, FY24 and through December of FY25. The program provides housing assistance to		

	individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities or mental health conditions that impede their ability to live with complete independence. It includes access to comprehensive case management and a full continuum of care for this high-need/high-intensity population. To date, WellCare/WC Health is the only active resource in the community equipped and available to meet the needs of this population. Without this service clients either return to County homeless shelters or become unsheltered. In both cases, they lose their wrap-around services which include case management, medical and mental health care, and pharmaceutical management. The Human Services Agency is actively working with the State of Nevada to identify long-term financing for the care for these individuals.		
Amendment #3	FY25 Service contract (January - February 2025)	\$100,254	Recommend Approval
Description	The Human Services Agency is actively working with the State of Nevada to identify long-term financing for the care for these individuals. This additional award will provide for January – February of 2025 at which time it is expected the State of Nevada will provide funding to continue the service contract.		
	Total Project Costs	\$2,016,954	

FISCAL IMPACT

The total fiscal impact of this allocation is \$1,219,519. Please note that future obligation, de-obligation and/or reconciliation items are anticipated. These items will be brought to the Board as necessary per the applicable requirements. Should the board approve these projects as submitted, the FY25 ARPA SLFRF COVID-19 Recovery Fund (Fund 270, Fund Center 270-8) and CIP SLFRF Capital Projects Fund (Fund 402, Fund Center 402-10) budgets will be adjusted with the following cross-fund and/or cross-functional net-zero appropriation transfers:

Golden Eagle/Spanish Springs Shooting Range

Fund/Function	Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
Revenue:			
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF COVID Recovery	431100-Federal Grants	(\$80,000)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Culture & Recreation	IO12461 OCM – SLFRF-Golden Eagle Shooting Range	431100-Federal Grants	\$80,000
Expenditures			
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF COVID Recovery	710500-Other Expense	(\$80,000)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ Culture & Recreation	IO12461 OCM – SLFRF-Golden Eagle Shooting Range	710100 – Professional Services	\$80,000

Center for Nonprofit Business

Fund/Function	Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
Revenue:			
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF COVID Recovery	431100-Federal Grants	(\$50,000)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Culture and Recreation	IO12463 SLFRF- OCM-CFNB Capacity	431100-Federal Grants	\$50,000
Expenditures			
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF COVID Recovery	710500-Other Expense	(\$50,000)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Culture and Recreation	IO12463 SLFRF- OCM-CFNB Capacity	710119 - Subrecipient Payments	\$50,000

Nevada Humane Society – Community Spay & Neuter Program

Fund/Function	Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
Revenue:			
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF COVID Recovery	431100-Federal Grants	(\$600,000)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Welfare	IO12398 SLFRF-NHS-Spay-Neuter	431100-Federal Grants	\$600,000
Expenditures			
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF COVID Recovery	710500-Other Expense	(\$600,000)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Welfare	IO12398 SLFRF- NHS-Spay-Neuter	710119 - Subrecipient Payments	\$600,000

Options Veterinary Care – Spay & Neuter

Fund/Function	Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
Revenue:			
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF COVID Recovery	431100-Federal Grants	(\$200,000)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Welfare	IO12462 SLFRF- Options Vet Care	431100-Federal Grants	\$200,000
Expenditures			
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF COVID Recovery	710500-Other Expense	(\$200,000)
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Gerlach General Improvement District

Fund/Function	Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
Revenue:			
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF COVID Recovery	431100-Federal Grants	(\$162,93)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ Culture and Recreation	IO12460 SLFRF-Gerlach GID Facilities	431100-Federal Grants	\$162,932
Expenditures			
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ General Government	CC 270800 –SLFRF COVID Recovery	710500-Other Expense	(\$162,932)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ Culture and Recreation	IO12460 SLFRF-Gerlach GID Facilities	710119 - Subrecipient Payments	\$162,932

Fitness Courts – Shade Structure

Fund/Function	Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Increase/Decrease
	Revenue:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF COVID Recovery	431100-Federal Grants	(\$12,000)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Culture and Recreation	IO19125 –SLFRF- Fitness Courts	431100-Federal Grants	\$12,000
	Expenditures/Transfers:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF COVID Recovery	710500-Other Expense	(\$12,000)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Culture and Recreation	IO19125 CSD-Fitness Courts	814092 Transfer to Public Works Construction	\$12,000
Capital Improvements Fund (402)/Culture and Recreation	PW 920870 – Fitness Courts SLFRF-19125	781080-Construction Contracts	\$12,000
Capital Improvements Fund (402)/Culture and Recreation	PW 920870 – CSD Fitness Courts SLFRF-19125	622270-Transfer from Other Restricted	\$12,000

H.S.A – Our Home – Wellcare/WC Health

Fund/Function	Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
Revenue:			
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF COVID Recovery	431100-Federal Grants	(\$100,254)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Welfare	IO11911 HSA- Our Home Wellcare	431100-Federal Grants	\$100,254

Expenditures			
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF COVID Recovery	710500-Other Expense	(\$100,254)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ Welfare	IO11911 HSA- Our Home Wellcare	710100 – Professional Services	\$100,254

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POSSIBLE MOTION

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