



## **Washoe County Recovery Plan**

State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – **2023 Report**Submitted July 2023



## Washoe County, Nevada 2023 Recovery Plan

## Contents

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	2
Regional Identity	4
COVID-19 Snapshot July 2023	5
USES OF FUNDS	6
Public Health (EC 1)	8
Negative Economic Impacts (EC 2)	10
Public Sector Capacity (EC 3)	13
Premium Pay (EC 4)	14
Water, Sewer, & Broadband Infrastructure (EC 5)	14
Revenue Replacement (EC 6)	14
Administration (EC 7)	14
PLANNED USE OF FUNDS	15
PROMOTING EQUITABLE OUTCOMES	18
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	20
LABOR PRACTICES	22
USE OF EVIDENCE	22
PERFORMANCE REPORT	23
PROJECT INVENTORY	26
APPENDIX A: COMMUNITY OUTREACH PLAN	66



## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Washoe County received \$91,587,038 in Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in May 2021. Between May 2021 and June 30th, 2023, Washoe County allocated \$75,737,236.24 for 74 projects. Thirty-nine of these projects support Washoe County services to enhance access to public services, improve quality of life, address the public health emergency, or address root causes of homelessness. Thirty-two projects are being carried out by community partners like nonprofit organizations or other government units to provide new and innovative services or enhance community features. Most of the County's allocations have been dedicated to addressing the negative economic impacts of the public health emergency.

To date, 16 projects are complete, and five were completed under the approved budget, which recouped \$981,830.43 to obligate to other eligible projects. One project was also canceled after more cost-effective solutions were found, which recouped an additional \$500,000 to obligate to other eligible projects.

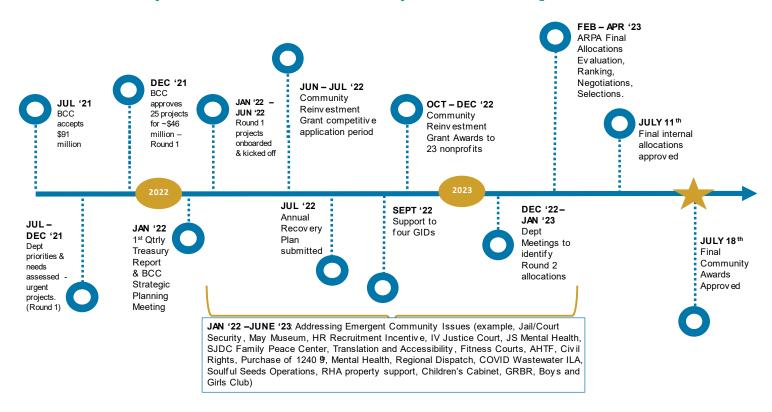
In the fall of 2022, the Board of County Commissioners approved 23 nonprofit grants to local community-based organizations through the open and competitive grant program. The competitive grant program allowed Washoe County to engage with community-based organizations and better understand the community's concerns. A primary goal of Washoe County's use of federal recovery funds is to build community capacity for managing federal funds, given that Nevada is among the lowest per capita states for federal investment compared to other states. The County has taken an active role in educating local organizations on the requirements of federal grant management according to 2 CFR 200 Uniform Guidance. The County provides ongoing technical assistance training and education opportunities for its subrecipients, and all grants are issued on a cost-reimbursement basis.

The County has learned many valuable lessons over the past two years of implementing the ARPA-SLFRF funding throughout the community. During this time, the County has developed various tools and platforms to share how the funds have been allocated and how they are being measured. One of these tools is the Project Dashboard which outlines the County's allocation of funds under the U.S. Treasury Department expenditure categories and other community-focused reporting metrics. The County plans to publish testimonials, summary performance reports, and other success stories from funded projects and programs on its external web pages.

During July 2023, the Board approved an additional 34 new allocations to bring the total number of projects to 107 for a total of \$90,089,105. The July 2023 projects will be reported in the October Project and Expenditure Report. After the Board approved the July 2023 projects of County Commissioners, the County has approximately \$1,497,932 remaining to allocate. These funds will be reserved for any potential project cost increases between now and the obligation deadline.



## **Major Milestones of Washoe County ARPA-SLFRF Implementation**



Washoe County's process for determining eligible projects for ARPA-SLFRF funding included a comprehensive assessment of regional strategic and capital improvement plans by overlapping shared interests and goals. After this assessment, Washoe County requested project ideas for the most urgent and high-priority items that fell under eligible categories for ARPA-SLFRF funding and aligned with the County's determined goals. Approximately half of the County's funds were allocated for urgent needs in December of 2021. After, Washoe County shifted its focus to community-based organizations and other units of government to achieve its recovery goals and objectives. During the summer of 2022, the County opened a competitive grant solicitation for 501(c)(3) nonprofits in the community. Additionally, the County approved various projects for funding under noncompetitive procedures to address emergent community issues. These projects represent strategic uses of funds to advance community initiatives around mental health, childcare, safety, and access to justice. To allocate its remaining funds, the County hosted meetings with department leaders to assess needs in programs or services or transformative programs to be funded. The allocations were approved by the Board in July 2023 and will be reported in future reports.



## Regional Identity

Washoe County is located in northwestern Nevada and spans 6,600 miles from the southern boundary of Lake Tahoe and Carson City north to the California and Oregon borders. There are two incorporated cities, Reno and Sparks - both located in the Truckee Meadows Basin. The Sierra Nevada Mountain Range is on the county's west side, and the smaller Virginia Range is on the east. The Truckee River flows out of Lake Tahoe on the west. It runs through the valley's center before eventually entering Pyramid Lake northeast of Reno and Sparks, a desert terminus lake.

According to Nevada Tomorrow, 2023 Demographic Data, the Washoe County population is 502,193 people, a 3.23% increase since 2020. The racial makeup of the county is 62.61% White, 2.51% Black or African American, 1.99% American Indian or Alaskan Native, 6.10% Asian, 0.83% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, 12.86% Some Other Race, and 13.10% two or more races. The county's ethnicity is 26.66% Hispanic/Latino.

The Greater Reno-Sparks area is home to all ages with 19.37% of the population is between the ages of 21 and 34 and 31.04% over 55.

There are 198,655 households, 125,374 families, and 64,357 households with children. The median household income for Washoe County is \$80,854. Approximately 7,326 families in Washoe County live below the poverty line – 5,419 of these families have children. The unemployment rate in Washoe County is 4.61% demonstrating a healthy economic outlook.

There are approximately 214,128 housing units in Washoe County. The average value of owner-occupied housing units in Washoe County is \$617,314.

For more information, view Nevada Tomorrow's 2023 Demographic Data.<sup>1</sup>

4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Nevada Tomorrow 2023 Demographic Data https://www.nevadatomorrow.org/demographicdata?id=1813



## COVID-19 Snapshot July 2023

On May 11, 2023, the federal public health emergency declaration ended. As of July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the County has reported 129,429 cases, 1,371 deaths, and 35 weekly new cases. Approximately 63.5% of the population has been vaccinated, and 32.6% have received a booster. 15.78% of positive tests have been from vaccinated individuals. The presence of new variants continues to increase positive cases; however, the County, much like the national trend, has seen a decline in death and hospitalizations for COVID-19 symptoms. The Washoe County Health District continues to administer COVID-19 vaccinations during business hours and at community events to enhance community health outcomes.

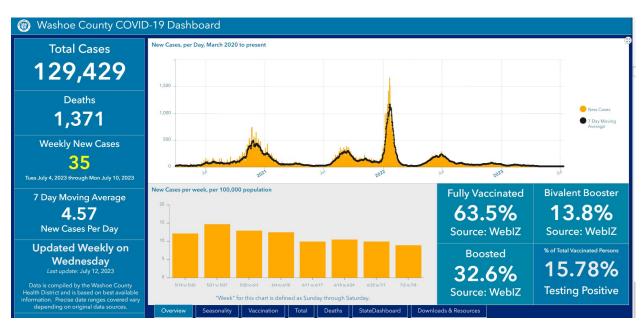


Figure 2. Washoe County COVID-19 Dashboard

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Washoe County Health District (2022). Washoe County COVID-19 Dashboard <a href="https://washoe.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/0db36fa8fa9c47758bc38210e4c23818">https://washoe.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/0db36fa8fa9c47758bc38210e4c23818</a>



## **USES OF FUNDS**

Between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners has approved 38 new projects, bringing the total number of projects approved by the Board to 74 unique projects. The majority of Washoe County's funds have been dedicated to negative economic impacts. To date, 16 projects have been completed, with five of the projects coming in under budget.

Washoe County determined that in its final allocation of funds, the County would limit any new personnel, prioritize regional projects, and focus on gap areas from the initial allocations. The County also recognizes the benefits of partnering with other local government agencies and nonprofit organizations and has funded many projects as subgrants to local nonprofits.

In support of a strong and equitable recovery in Washoe County, the following goals were identified:



**Address health disparities** known to directly influence social inequities in health through programs that target populations with higher incidents of disease.



Address the root causes of homelessness to include collaborative solutions for mental health, substance abuse, and identifying pathways to independent living.



**Bolster economic recovery** for community members to mitigate financial hardships, implement structural changes, or address other COVID-related issues.



**Enhance childhood environments** with key partners in the community who deliver early learning and family support services



**Build stronger neighborhoods** with initiatives that preserve and expand upon affordable housing options for low- to mid-income earners in the community

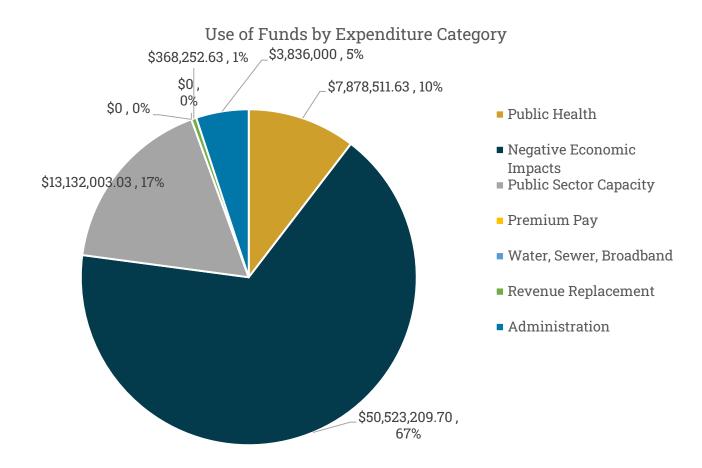
For more information on actions taken by the Washoe County Board of Commissioners, please visit: <a href="https://www.washoecounty.gov/ARPA/quarterly-reporting.php">https://www.washoecounty.gov/ARPA/quarterly-reporting.php</a>



## Washoe County Use of Funds by Expenditure Category

Includes Projects allocated before June 30, 2023

Category	Number	Adopted	Cumulative	Cumulative
	of	Budget	Expenditures	Obligations to
	Projects		to Date	Date
1. Public Health	11	\$7,878,511.63	\$1,028,287.26	\$7,220,787.63
2. Negative Economic Impacts	38	\$50,523,209.70	\$13,876,870.01	\$41,955,344.13
3. Public Sector Capacity	20	\$13,132,003.03	\$3,416,315.16	\$5,293,059.01
4. Premium Pay	0			
5. Water, Sewer, Broadband	0			ı
6. Revenue Replacement	2	\$368,252.63	\$332,252.62	\$368,252.63
7. Administration	3	\$3,836,000.00	\$798,439.52	\$984,591.01





## Public Health (EC 1)

## 11 projects; \$7,878,511.63 allocated

As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Washoe County approved funding for 11 projects totaling \$7,878,511.63 related to public health in the community. Projects have been selected in accordance with Washoe County's recovery goals to "Address health disparities known to directly influence social inequities in health through programs that target populations with higher incidents of disease" and other approved strategic planning documents.

Since the 2022 Annual Recovery Plan, the Board has approved 6 new projects related to mental health, substance use disorder treatment, and increasing public health clinic services in the community. To achieve recovery in this category, Washoe County has allocated funds to expand mental health services to juveniles involved in the criminal justice system, purchased a new facility for community behavioral health, and expanded cleaning programs. Many of the projects in this category are pilot projects to better understand substance use disorder treatment and mental health initiatives like the Opioid Treatment Induction Support program. There are also several evidence-based programs funded under the public health expenditure categories such as the Juvenile Justice Multisystemic Therapy Program for juveniles involved in the criminal justice system.

### 1.11: Community Violence Interventions

• Community Services Agency Victims of Crime Support Program (subgrant)

#### 1.12: Mental Health Services

- Children's Cabinet Signs of Suicide Program (subgrant)
- Juvenile Services Multisystemic Therapy Pilot Program Mental Health
- Noteables Music Therapy Services (subgrant)

#### 1.13: Substance Use Services

- The Life Change Center Opioid Treatment Induction Support Program (subgrant)
- The Empowerment Center Supportive Housing Services (subgrant)

#### 1.14: Other Public Health Services

- Health District Mobile Command Center
- Purchase of 1240 9<sup>th</sup> Street Behavioral Health

#### 1.4: Prevention in Congregate Settings

Sheriff's Office UVC Sanitizing Program

#### 1.5: Personal Protective Equipment

• Medical Examiner Contracted Positions, PPE, and Supplies

### 1.7: Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses

• Regional COVID-19 Wastewater Surveillance Research Interlocal Agreement (subgrant)



#### **HIGHLIGHTED PROJECT**

# Opioid Treatment Induction Support (OTIS) The Life Change Center



In January of 2023, The Life Change Center partnered with Washoe County to create the OTIS program, which is a groundbreaking method of tackling the fentanyl epidemic among Washoe County residents. Fentanyl poses a significant health threat to the community and is the cause of increased early discharge from treatment, decreased rates of medication compliance, and higher rates of continued substance use during treatment.

Peer Recovery Support Specialists (PRSS) and Nursing staff work closely with TLCC clients to provide additional support throughout the first 30 days of recovery from fentanyl. The OTIS Team provides peer and medical coaching with a focus on two targets: encouragement and engagement. Engagement efforts help with understanding the "why" of participating in treatment; why it helps and why it is worth it. Encouragement efforts help with understanding the "how" of making it through the induction phase.

The OTIS team helps its clients through the initial phase of recovery from fentanyl, guiding them each step of the way along their path to sobriety and recovery. TLCC has seen incredible results since this program started.

The targets of the program are:

- Medication compliance
- Treatment retention
- Sobriety. Sobriety is defined as taking the prescribed medications with no UDS positive for illicit or non-prescribed drugs or medications.





## Negative Economic Impacts (EC 2)

38 projects; \$50,523,209.70 allocated

Most of Washoe County's SLFRF funds have been dedicated to negative economic impacts experienced by some of the most vulnerable individuals in the community. As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Washoe County allocated funding for 38 projects totaling \$50,523,209.70 under the Negative Economic Impact expenditure categories.

One of Washoe County's SLFRF Guiding Principles is to **Bolster Economic Recovery**, which covers many of the projects listed below. The economy continues to strengthen in Washoe County due to its diversified economy reliant on manufacturing, logistics, and education. The community's unemployment rate is similar to pre-pandemic levels at 4.1%. At the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Reno-Sparks area experienced an 8.2% unemployment rate (Nevada Tomorrow, 2023). Washoe County focuses on providing healthy childhood environments for youth, accounting for many of the programs listed under this section.

Washoe County continues to align community resources and stakeholders in addressing the housing and homelessness crisis in the community. A significant portion of the County's ARPA-SLFRF funding has been dedicated to building the Nevada Cares Campus, an emergency homeless shelter in our community that can sleep up to 600 individuals. The campus has been envisioned to reduce homelessness in the community by following the Built For Zero program. Case managers and other nongovernmental staff work with individuals to identify appropriate housing options and support services. Washoe County continues to see improvements from the Cares Campus and actively monitors the effectiveness of programs.

- 2.1: Household Assistance: Food Programs
  - Northern Nevada Food Bank Community Kitchen (subgrant)
- 2.10: Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers
  - Catholic Charities Elevate Workforce Development Program (subgrant)
  - High Sierra Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Community Health Worker Certification Program (subgrant)
  - Northern Nevada Literacy Council Washoe County Literacy Project (subgrant)
- 2.11: Healthy Childhood Environments: Child Care
  - Domestic Violence Resource Center Childcare and Enrichment Program (subgrant)
  - Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows Childcare Expansion (subgrant)
- 2.13: Healthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth or Families Involved in Child Welfare System
  - Kids Kottage Emergency Beds
  - Human Services Agency Vehicles
  - Family Peace Center
  - Bigs with Badges (subgrant)
  - ReDirect Youth Outreach and Boxing (subgrant)



- 2.15: Long-term Housing Security: Affordable Housing
  - Gerlach Affordable Housing Study
  - Affordable Housing Trust Fund
- 2.16: Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons
  - Safe Camp Capital
  - Nevada Cares Campus Capital
  - Nevada Cares Campus Operations
  - Reno Housing Authority Regional Affordable Housing Support (subgrant)
- 2.18: Housing Support Other Housing Assistance
  - ReBuilding Together Northern Nevada Safe and Healthy Homes (subgrant)
- 2.22: Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety
  - Sun Valley General Improvement District Recreation Revitalization (subgrant)
  - National Fitness Courts
  - Incline Village General Improvement District Recreation (subgrant)
  - Friends of Black Rock High Rock Environmental Tourism in Gerlach (subgrant)
  - Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts Golden Encore: Lifelong Learning Entertainment for Seniors (subgrant)
  - Discovery Museum Survival of the Slowest (subgrant)
  - Soulful Seeds Garden at Our Place (subgrant)
- 2.26: Addressing Educational Disparities: Mental Health Services
  - Communities in Schools Integrated Student Supports in Washoe County (subgrant)
- 2.27: Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time
  - Project Discovery Youth Programs (subgrant)
  - Incline Education Fund Project Lead the Way (subgrant)
  - Sierra Nevada Journey's STEM Explorers (subgrant)
- 2.34: Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations
  - Options Veterinary Care Services for Underserved Communities (subgrant)
- 2.35: Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality
  - Great Reno Balloon Races 2022 Annual Event Support (subgrant)
- 2.37: Economic Impact Assistance: Other
  - Community Foundation of Northern Nevada Caregiver Support Initiative (subgrant)
  - Tu Casa Latina Immigrant Outreach and Advocacy (subgrant)
  - Nevada Legal Services Holistic Law Project for Homeless and Low-income residents of Washoe County (subgrant)



#### **HIGHLIGHTED PROJECT**

## Washoe County Literacy Program Northern Nevada Literacy Council



Northern Nevada Literacy Council's Literacy Programs offer a variety of literacy and workforcefocused options for adult learners and families.

The Learn and Earn Program focuses on adult learners and out-of-school youth ages 16 to 24 from low-income and marginalized backgrounds seeking a high school equivalency and/or those seeking to improve literacy skills in reading, writing, and mathematics to secure post-secondary education, workforce, or advancement in their current positions.

In April 2023, NNLC hosted a graduation for eight adult learners ages 16 and older graduates who are recipients of the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds paying for their high school equivalency exam fees.

In the program's first quarter, 12 adult learners enrolled in training to become Certified Administrative Assistants (CAA) and Help Desk (A+ Certification and Network + Certification).

These are industry-recognized certifications utilizing NNLC's Integrated Education and Training model, where students are co-enrolled in the adult basic education programs while enrolled in the CAA or Help Desk programs. These students have the curriculum contextualized by the NNLC instructor supporting their literacy needs while receiving technical instruction from training. NNLC partners with Truckee Meadows Community College and New Horizons Learning, which provide the training programs.

Funds have been leveraged with out-of-school youth contracts with Nevadaworks, Viragh Foundation, and Nevada Department of Education Adult Education, allowing NNLC to service more of the community, helping adult learners achieve their educational and career goals.





## Public Sector Capacity (EC 3)

20 projects; \$13,132,003.03 allocated

As of June 30th, 2023, Washoe County has allocated \$13,132,003.03 to support 20 unique projects. The County's strategy for addressing the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic includes increasing government staffing levels for programs and services particularly impacted by business closures and effects on human services. For example, Washoe County provided funding to the District Attorney and Public Defender's Offices to increase each office's capacity for addressing the backlog created by the pandemic. Additionally, Washoe County has strategically used SLFRF funds to make more accessible and effective public services, such as increasing remote access to court proceedings using audio-visual equipment.

- 3.1: Public Sector Workforce: Payroll and Benefits for Public Health, Public Safety, or Human Services Workers
  - Human Services Agency Child Protective Services Personnel
  - Washoe County Sheriff's Office Deputy Sheriff's Personnel
- 3.2: Public Sector Workforce: Rehiring Public Sector Staff
  - Public Defender's Office Court Case Backlog Personnel
  - District Attorney's Office Court Case Backlog Personnel
- 3.3: Public Sector Workforce: Other
  - County Clerk's Office Administrative Personnel
  - Wilbur D. May Museum Operations
  - Washoe County Recruitment Incentive Program
- 3.4: Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery
  - Public Defender's Office Workstations
  - District Attorney's Office Facility Improvements
  - Sparks Justice Court Courtroom Remodel
  - Sparks Justice Court Audio Visual Upgrade
  - Reno Justice Court Courtroom Remodel
  - Reno Justice Court Self Help Center
  - Second Judicial District Court Audio Visual Upgrade
  - Public Health Technology Upgrade
  - Washoe County Security Upgrade
  - Incline Village Justice Court Renovations
  - Translation and Accessibility of Elections Outreach
  - Senior Services Soft Serve Machine
  - · Civil Rights and Equity Engagement

**HIGHLIGHTED PROJECT** 

# Washoe County Courtroom Audio-Visual Upgrades

During the COVID-19 Pandemic. Washoe County's courts experienced unprecedented impacts to holding inperson court proceedings due to State Nevada social distancing requirements and stay-at-home orders. To alleviate pressure for inperson court proceedings, funding was provided to install audio-visual equipment in courtrooms across the county to enhance remote access and expedite processing for backlogged court cases at Sparks Justice Court and the Second Judicial District Court.

The audio-visual equipment allows for remote hearings and enhanced technology for Limited English Proficiency (LEP) individuals and those who are hard at hearing. The equipment provides higher-quality recordings for proceedings allowing for better evidence sharing and access to hearings.



## Premium Pay (EC 4)

## 0 projects, \$0 allocated

Washoe County has not allocated any funds for premium payments to its workers or other employers. It does not anticipate allocating funds for this category with the remainder of its ARPA-SLFRF funds.

## Water, Sewer, & Broadband Infrastructure (EC 5)

## 0 projects, \$0 allocated

Although the Washoe County 2021 Recovery Plan emphasized broadband infrastructure as a high priority for the jurisdiction, alternative funding sources have been presented since Washoe County submitted the first recovery plan in August 2021. As identified in the 2021 Recovery Plan, broadband access is a need in the community in various places, specifically in underserved and rural areas. Washoe County does not anticipate using ARPA-SLFRF funds on water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure projects. Other sources of recovery funding will be sought for these needs.

## Revenue Replacement (EC 6)

## 2 projects, \$368,252.63 allocated

Washoe County opted for the standard \$10 million revenue replacement allowance.

#### 6.1: Revenue Recovery Provision of Government Services

- Employee Wellness Initiative
- Palomino Valley General Improvement District Road Restoration (subgrant)

## Administration (EC 7)

## 3 Projects, \$3,836,000 budget allocated

To administer the ARPA-SLFRF funds, Washoe County has created a small team under the newly formed Community Reinvestment Division in the Office of the County Manager. The Community Reinvestment team comprises of one Manager level position, an Analyst, a Fiscal Compliance Officer, and Program Coordinator. Community Reinvestment conducts all monitoring and reporting of Washoe County's SLFRF allocations. For the lifetime of the grant funding, Washoe County has budgeted \$2.8 million for salaries, benefits, workstations, and supplies for these employees.

### 7.1: Administrative Expenses

- Administration
- Capital Architectural and Engineering Administration
- Temporary Accountant

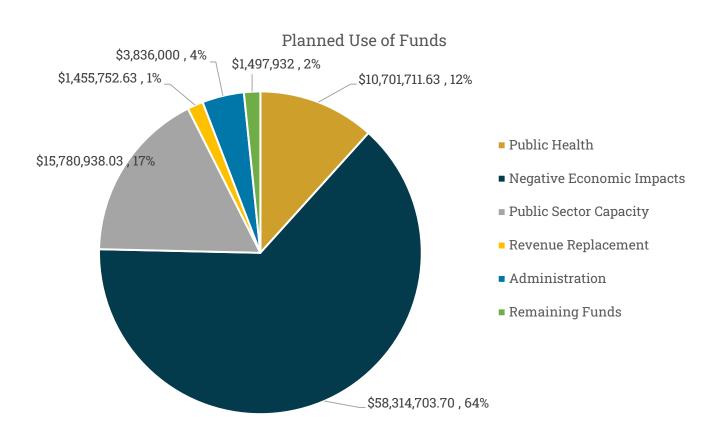


## PLANNED USE OF FUNDS

In July 2023, the Board approved an additional 34 new allocations totaling \$14,351,129. This leaves the County with \$1,497,932 to allocate for eligible projects before the obligation deadline. The July 2023 projects will be reported in the October 2023 Project and Expenditure Report.

Planned Use of Funds (including July 2023 allocated projects)

Category	Total Number of Projects	Allocated Budget
1. Public Health	19	\$10,701,711.63
2. Negative Economic Impacts	54	\$58,314,703.70
3. Public Sector Capacity	25	\$15,780,938.03
4. Premium Pay	0	-
5. Water, Sewer, Broadband	0	-
6. Revenue Replacement	7	\$1,455,752.63
7. Administration	3	\$3,836,000.00





## **Project Allocations Approved in July 2023**

The projects approved by the Board of County Commissioners in July 2023 are distributed among many Treasury-approved expenditure categories. The County worked to identify projects in its final allocations that work regionally, address gaps in previous allocations and will provide cost-effective programs for the community.

### Public Health (EC 1)

- Behavioral Health Crisis Response
- Neuromodulation Treatment for Support in Treatment and Accountability in Recovery (STAR) Participants
- Regional Mental Health Meeting Facilitation
- Bristlecone Recovery Center Residential Treatment Services (subgrant)
- Health District Community and Clinical Health Services Remodel
- HOPES E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street Clinic Construction (subgrant)
- Community Health Alliance Our Place Onsite Visits (subgrant)
- Medical Examiner Radiology Scanner

### Negative Economic Impacts (EC 2)

- Children's Cabinet The Oddie Project (subgrant)
- Raise the Future Intensive Recruitment Program (subgrant)
- ReBuilding Together Northern Nevada Senior and Veteran Housing (subgrant)
- Tahoe Prosperity Center Envision Tahoe (subgrant)
- South Valleys Regional Park Expansion
- Sun Valley Bike Park Construction
- Green Recovery Plan Implementation
- Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful Public Lands Clean Up and Education (subgrant)
- Truckee River Master Plan for Corridor Improvements
- Incline Village Crystal Bay Community and Business Association Incline Main Street Initiatives (subgrant)
- The Generator, Children's Arts Programming (subgrant)
- Soulful Seeds Garden at Our Place (subgrant)
- Tahoe Lending Locals Pilot Program
- Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada Entrepreneurial Ecosystem & Startup Week (subgrant)
- Black Community Collective Entrepreneur Literacy and Financing (subgrant)
- Reno Air Races Association 2023 Annual Event Support (subgrant)



## Public Health-Negative Economic Impact: Public Sector Capacity (EC 3)

- Future of Work
- Cybersecurity Incident Response Plan
- District Court Panic Buttons
- In-Car Mobile Wi-Fi for Officer Vehicles
- Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Ambulance Fleet Expansion (subgrant)

## Premium Pay (EC 4)

No planned use of funds in this category.

## Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure (EC 5)

• No planned use of funds in this category.

## Revenue Replacement (EC 6)

- Washoe Arts and Culture
- Innovative Senior Programs
- Tahoe Micro Transit TART Connect
- Nevada Museum of Art Capital Campaign
- Tahoe Transportation District





## PROMOTING EQUITABLE OUTCOMES

Many of the community's most vulnerable populations, including the unhoused, low-income workers, rural residents, and people of color, have experienced disproportionate impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Equity has been a central priority while developing Washoe County's framework for identifying eligible projects. Many subrecipients are carrying out programs and projects embedded in the local communities at the neighborhood level to identify strategies for engaging with diverse populations.

Applicants are asked a series of equity-focused questions that evaluators score during the new project selection process. For internal projects, department leads are asked to describe how the project promotes equitable outcomes or was designed with equity in mind. Alternatively, subrecipients are asked how the proposed project addresses systemic equity issues in the community. The scoring of these questions is based on how well the applicant describes the population being served by the program and how reasonably the proposed action can be done.

Washoe County Human Resources Organizational Effectiveness Unit was awarded \$500,000 to conduct a comprehensive civil rights and equity assessment of Washoe County's internal and external processes and procedures for unintentional disparate impacts and provide recommendations for bi-lingual proficiency and examination for County staff. The assessment will also offer a Limited English Proficiency assessment and recommendation for departments and programs for second language access for the public. The Organizational Effectiveness Unit will also perform a facilities accessibility assessment to evaluate all Washoe County facilities for public and employee accessibility following the Americans with Disabilities Act and provide a priority roadmap and recommendations to remedy areas needing improvement. Funding has also provided Civil Rights Title VI training to all Washoe County employees for the first time in a comprehensive, organization-wide initiative. The budget has also been planned to provide Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging training sessions available to all Washoe County employees and targeted to programs and services that interact most directly with the general public. Through these assessments, Washoe County will be better equipped to deliver services to its constituents through greater verbal and physical accessibility.

Washoe County Communications Division was awarded \$300,000 to provide Spanish translation services during the 2022 election and to provide a comprehensive assessment of the County's Registrar of Voters website compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Accessibility in local elections continues to be a focus for Washoe County which is bolstered in large budget allocations in the County's FY24 Budget approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

Similarly to many jurisdictions in the United States, Washoe County is working to understand better its history and systems that have either caused or exasperated oppression in the region. Washoe County is committed to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEI&B) at all levels



of the organization. Building this commitment into our policies and practices enhances our organization for employees and enriches the experience of the citizens that we serve.

As outlined in Washoe County's Code of Conduct, a diverse workforce requires an inclusive environment built on tolerance and respect for individual differences, values, and perspectives. Through these core principles, it is the goal of Washoe County's leadership to create a sense of belonging for all employees and citizens served.

In 2021, the DEI&B Employee Resource Group (DEI&B ERG) was established as a volunteer group to support and guide Washoe County's DEI&B initiatives and policies related to the employee experience.











## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Washoe County identified a series of community engagement strategies in the 2021 Recovery Plan. This four-pronged approach includes: 1) Collection of input, and gathering data to understand and prioritize needs in the community; 2) Engage with targeted stakeholder groups that serve disproportionately impacted communities and identify key areas to expand/prioritize services; and 3) Launch outreach and awareness campaigns for funded projects; and 4) Maintain accountability and transparency through continued reporting upon key program metrics to reflect services delivered and fulfillment of equity outcomes.



Collection of Data to Understand and Prioritize Needs

- Engage with Targeted Stakeholder Groups
  Disproportionately Impacted Communities
- Launch Outreach and Awareness Campaigns for Funded Projects

Maintain Accountability and Transparency Through Continued Reporting



### Collection of Data to Understand and Prioritize Needs

Washoe County released a community survey that received 23 responses in December 2021. The survey was open to the public and requested guidance on how Washoe County should allocate its funding. There were minimal responses, but the results helped to guide the framework for internal project requests. Given that the response rate was low for the Washoe County survey, the County requested survey results from the State of Nevada's community engagement survey, Nevada Recovers Listening Tour, to see if there were additional responses or trends. There were 272 responses to the State of Nevada survey directly referencing Washoe County and the region. Using these responses, Washoe County determined additional priority areas for the competitive Community Grant Program, including childcare and mental health.

Throughout the implementation of projects, subrecipients have provided additional information about how Washoe County should allocate the remainder of its funding.





# Engage with Targeted Stakeholder Groups that Serve Disproportionately Impacted Communities

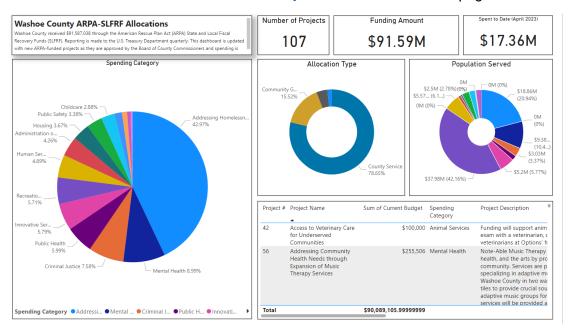
Washoe County recognizes the important role that nonprofit organizations have in understanding the community's needs and providing diversion programs. Through community grants and active engagement with nonprofit leaders in the community, Washoe County has engaged with organizations that serve disproportionately impacted communities. Many of the programs funded through SLFRF work directly with disproportionately impacted communities.



## **Launch Outreach and Awareness Campaigns for Funded Projects**

Outreach and awareness campaigns for funded projects will continue to be a central focus for Washoe County now that the majority of the funding has been allocated. The County launched a Project Dashboard in June 2022 that is updated on a quarterly basis. The dashboard provides a comprehensive overview of the County's use of funds including the number of approved projects, expenditures, spending categories, and populations served.

The Dashboard can be found at the ARPA Projects and Dashboard webpage.



The County is currently working to produce testimonials on project success stories focused on lessons learned and a video series for community members to understand the use of funds and impact they have made in the community.





## Maintain Accountability and Transparency Through Continued Reporting

Washoe County submits quarterly Project and Expenditure Reports to the Treasury Department. Once these reports have been submitted, the Community Reinvestment Manager takes highlights from the report to the Board of County Commissioners to share updates on projects, introduce any new ARPA projects under \$500,000, and share strategic direction information. Once the Board has been briefed, the information is included in the following press release highlights that the Communications Division writes and publishes.

Information included in the Quarterly Reports is updated on the ARPA Projects Dashboard as necessary but taking no longer than each quarter. All action taken related to the County's ARPA-SLFRF allocations by the Board of County Commissioners is uploaded directly to the Washoe County ARPA Reporting webpage.

## LABOR PRACTICES

The most notable project requiring additional reporting metrics because it is over \$10 million is the Nevada Cares Campus.

Washoe County uses the Nevada State Prevailing Wage requirements for Public Works projects. NRS 338.020. Every contract to which a public body of this State is a party, requiring the employment of skilled mechanics, skilled workers, semi-skilled mechanics, semi-skilled workers, or unskilled labor in the performance of public work, must contain in express terms the hourly and daily rate of wages to be paid each of the classes of mechanics and workers. The hourly and daily rate of wages must not be less than the prevailing wage in the region; the rate must be included in the contract and posted on-site; payment of overtime; wages must be paid following jurisdictional classes recognized in the area.

Washoe County's construction contracting and bid procedures do not include additional workforce practices beyond what is federally required through 2 CFR 200 and other federal labor laws. These practices do not have project labor agreements, community benefit agreements, and local hiring preferences.

## **USE OF EVIDENCE**

Washoe County's SLFRF-funded projects must submit quarterly activity reports detailing the project's performance and monitor for successes or non-successful programs. The County encourages evidence-based interventions and has funded various evidence-based projects.

For promising projects that are not currently evidence-based, Washoe County has provided funding to pilot new programs that could lead to future evidence-based initiatives. Within the contract or subrecipient agreement for projects, performance measures are included to understand the program's effectiveness.



## PERFORMANCE REPORT

Washoe County is implementing comprehensive performance measures for the projects funded by Washoe County's State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. In alignment with the organization's shift to a data-driven, evidence-based governing body, the County will report on key performance measures tracked for each project in the 2024 Recovery Plan. In general, projects are continuously tracked for compliance with federal grant management. The County is establishing key performance indicators based on the SLFRF Guiding Principles and Washoe County Strategic Plan.

## Washoe County Strategic Objectives & Goals (Organization-wide)

Strategic Objectives	Goals
Fiscal	RESTORE FISCAL STABILITY FROM IMPACTS OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC
Sustainability	LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY
£6/	EFFICIENT DELIVERY OF REGIONAL SERVICES
Farmania	MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR
Economic	GROWING COMMUNITY
Impacts	SUPPORT A THRIVING COMMUNITY
	PLAN FOR EXPANDED
	WASTEWATER & STORM WATER
Vulnerable Populations	ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS WITH
	A REGIONAL APPROACH
	EXPAND APPROPRIATE HOUSING OPTIONS ACROSS COMMUNITY
	COORDINATION BETWEEN AGENCIES & COMMUNICATION OF PROGRAMS
Innovative	LEVERAGE TECHNOLOGY TO
Services	STREAMLINE AND AUTOMATE
	STRENGTHEN OUR CULTURE OF SERVICE
	PROMOTE EXPERIMENTATION & INNOVATION



## **Washoe County ARPA-SLFRF Guiding Principles**



Address health disparities known to directly influence social inequities in health through programs that target populations with higher incidents of disease.



Address the root causes of homelessness to include collaborative solutions for mental health, substance abuse, and identifying pathways to independent living.



**Bolster economic recovery** for community members to mitigate financial hardships, implement structural changes, or address other COVID-related issues.



**Enhance childhood environments** with key partners in the community who deliver early learning and family support services



Build stronger neighborhoods with initiatives that preserve and expand upon affordable housing options for low- to midincome earners in the community

Washoe County's ARPA-funded projects are required to submit quarterly Activity Performance Reports to the Community Reinvestment Division to supply information on the progress of the project and any barriers presented for the project.

Subrecipients like nonprofits and other government organizations are required to submit quarterly Project Evaluation Reports, which require the organization to detail the goals and objectives of their project. The report includes sections for the goals, objectives, outputs, outcomes, and metrics used to track these goals.



#### ARPA-SLFRF Subgrantee Project Evaluation Report

Goal	Objective	Outputs	Outcomes	Metrics Used	Status as of this Reporting Period
Overarching aim of your program.	Specific achievements that contribute towards reaching the goal(s). When writing objectives remember to make them S.M.A.R.T.: Specifio, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-Bound.	Tangible deliverables from the project.	Changes in behavior, attitudes, perceptions, knowledge, skills, and/or behaviors as a result of your project.	What is your project tracking? (Usage? # of people served?)	Brief status of each Goal and Objective.

Sample of Project Evaluation Report



## PROJECT INVENTORY

Safe Camp Capital

ID: (1-000)

**Funding Amount: \$4,693,132** 

Expenditure Category: 2.16: Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused

Website: https://www.washoecounty.gov/homeless/Cares-Campus/Safe-Camp/index.php

The Washoe County Safe Camp is a space for unhoused individuals to have access to a safe location for camping with basic facilities including restrooms, handwashing facilities, and trash disposal. The project expands on previous work by the Washoe County Homeless Services Division to create a safe location with 50 modular temporary housing pods to replace current tents, add a covered shade structure, and build a small structure to serve as a multi-purpose building for individual's needs, including a day center a case management office space. The goals of the project are to provide modular spaces for unhoused people with identified good behavior and potential for transitioning into housing.

#### <u>Use of Evidence and Performance Report</u>

Washoe County Safe Camp implements several evidence-based interventions and other identified best practices for providing homeless and housing services that use multi-interdisciplinary approaches that target at-risk populations. Those interventions and practices include: the Housing First service provision model, low barrier model emergency shelter trauma informed care, and person-centered case management including motivation interviewing and the creation of individualized housing plans. ARPA-SLFRF funds are being used for construction and purchase of equipment so a program evaluation will not be conducted and the amount of funds for evidence-based interventions is \$0. However, the greater programmatic items of the Safe Camp program follow the interventions and practices outlined previously. Washoe County Housing and Homelessness Services maintains detailed records on the number of individuals using the Safe Camp space. For more detailed information on usage of Safe Camp please visit the dashboard: Shelter Census Dashboard

- Number of households receiving eviction prevention services (including legal representation): Zero
- Number of affordable housing units preserved or developed: Zero.





Nevada Cares Campus Capital

ID: (2-000)

Funding Amount: \$24,618,706.00

Expenditure Category: 2.16: Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Website: https://www.washoecounty.gov/homeless/Cares-Campus/index.php

The Nevada Cares Campus is a new and transformational project in the region. The project includes significant property improvements including, landscaping, bathrooms, showers, laundry, pet facilities, and the addition of a serving kitchen/cafeteria, case management/training space, construction of 50 units of bridge housing, and other site improvements/redesigns. The Nevada Cares Campus is designed to provide a low-barrier and housing-focused shelter for people experiencing homelessness. The first phase was completed by the City of Reno and funded by the City of Reno, City of Sparks and Washoe County; it included the land purchase, Sprung building, restrooms and showers, initial site grading, and utility work. With Phase I of the construction project complete, the following scope of the Campus design and construction is projected to be completed in the phases. To view the project phases, please visit the <a href="Cares Campus Construction page">Cares Campus Construction page</a>. Funding is budgeted through 2026.



### Use of Evidence and Performance Report

Given that this is a capital project, there are no evidence-based interventions to report on. Washoe County Housing and Homelessness Services maintains detailed records on the number of individuals using the Cares Campus. For more detailed information on usage please visit the Shelter Census Dashboard

- Number of households receiving eviction prevention services (including legal representation): Zero
- Number of affordable housing units preserved or developed: Zero.



**Cares Campus Facilities Operations** 

ID: (3-000)

**Funding Amount: \$7,971,644** 

Expenditure Category: 2.16: Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Website: https://www.washoecounty.gov/homeless/Cares-Campus/index.php

The Nevada Cares Campus is a regional emergency shelter facility, and Safe Camp for unhoused individuals in Washoe County. The project includes the addition of 28 staff members to implement evidence-based approaches at the Nevada Cares Campus. These staff members include one medical billing specialist, one mental health counselor supervisor, three case manager supervisors, 18 case managers, three mental health counselors I, and two mental health counselors II. This project increases facilities



capacity and additional positions to ensure more robust and effective emergency homeless shelter services and case management. Funding for this project is budgeted through the end of 2023.

## Use of Evidence and Performance Report

Housing-first, person-centered care, low-barrier emergency shelter, appropriate staff-participant ratios and mental health counseling are all evidence-based interventions used at the Cares Campus and Safe Camp. Since these are new programs and services, a program evaluation will be conducted later in the process once capital construction is complete.

Caseload ratios and numbers will be reported annually to determine the effectiveness of case managers and staff at the Cares Campus. In addition, the County will be using the Homelessness Management Information System to track the number of individuals who transition from being unhoused to housing.

Washoe County Housing and Homelessness Services (HHS) maintains detailed records on the number of individuals using the Cares Campus. For more detailed information on usage please visit the <u>Shelter Census Dashboard</u>. As a part of the Washoe County's commitment to addressing root causes of homelessness, the County's goal is to lead the community to build a system that is capable of housing people experiencing homelessness, so that it's rare, brief, and non-reoccurring. The target of HHS is to measure the number of actively homeless people, recidivism rate measured at 6 months, 1 year, and 2 years), length of time to be housed, exits to permanent housing, number of programs reporting into HMIS database, number of affordable housing units (10% AMI, 30% AMI), and number of permanent supportive units. See <u>Washoe County's Regional Homelessness Strategic Plan</u>

- Number of households receiving eviction prevention services (including legal representation): Zero
- Number of affordable housing units preserved or developed: Zero.



## Homeless Management Information System Case Management

ID: (4-000)

Funding Amount: \$250,000

**Expenditure Category: 2.16: Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused** 

The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is a database tool that collects comprehensive data about community members experiencing homelessness. This tool is designed to coordinate services and housing referrals among providers throughout the community. Most community members who will benefit from this project live below the federal poverty line. This project will increase the capacity of the County's HMIS by expanding the number of licenses for community partners and establishing a case management module to better track case outcomes. This project supports the regional Built for Zero effort.

### Use of Evidence and Performance Report

A Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is a local information technology system used to collect client-level data and data on provision of housing and services to homeless individuals and families and persons at risk of homelessness. Each Continuum of Care (CoC) is responsible for selecting an HMIS software solution that complies with HUD's data collection, management, and reporting standards. The HMIS system for Washoe County is being designed to incorporate evidence-based interventions such as housing-first and personcentered care.

Washoe County Housing and Homelessness Services maintains detailed records on the number of individuals using the Cares Campus. For more detailed information on usage please visit the Shelter Census Dashboard

- Number of households receiving eviction prevention services (including legal representation): Zero
- Number of affordable housing units preserved or developed: Zero.



## Well Care Living Supports and Services Pilot Project

ID: (5-000)

**Funding Amount: \$1,255,200** 

## **Expenditure Category: 2.16: Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused**

Washoe County's Well Care facility serves community members with severe mental illness, or intellectual or developmental disabilities who have not been able to access the supportive housing resources they need due to COVID-19. The project provides supportive housing for persons unable to live independently. The services include access to comprehensive case management and continuum of care for those who would otherwise remain or become homeless due to their medical, physical, intellectual, or mental health condition.

### <u>Use of Evidence and Performance Report</u>

This is a new program supported by Washoe County. It is not evidence-based but is an urgent need for the community. Eventually, a program evaluation will be conducted using information regarding intake data collected. Washoe County will manage performance for the following key indicators: Caseloads/ratios, number of individuals staying at Well Care

### Treasury required key indicators:

- Number of households receiving eviction prevention services (including legal representation): Zero
- Number of affordable housing units preserved or developed: Zero.

#### Kids Kottage Emergency Beds

ID: (6-000)

**Funding Amount: \$1,403,000** 

# Expenditure Category: 2.13: Healthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth or Families Involved in Child Welfare System

The operations of the Kids Kottage supports children experiencing abuse and neglect in the community that have been removed from their homes. Many of these children have been disproportionately impacted by the hardships imposed by the pandemic such as lost wages in their home, school closures, and lost access to community resources throughout the pandemic – including medical and mental health resources. The closure of pediatric psychiatric units in the community led to an increased demand for emergency beds at Kids Kottage. The only alternative would be to use inpatient hospital bed-holds at traditional medical hospitals which has proven to be ineffective as this competes with beds used for COVID patients. Additionally, there is a shortage of in-home foster care and in-home emergency foster care beds in the community due to an inability to recruit and retain qualified foster parent providers.

#### Use of Evidence and Performance Report

This is not an evidence-based intervention. A program evaluation will be scheduled later in the process of implementing the project. Washoe County tracks the number of children served, calculate case ratio, and hours of services provided to the children who stay.

- Number of children served by childcare or early learning: NA.
- Number of families served by home visiting: NA.



Addressing Human Services Agency Critical Staffing

ID: (7-000)

Funding Amount: \$527,133

Expenditure Category: 3.1: Public Sector Workforce: Payroll and Benefits for Public Health, Public Safety, or Human Services Workers

The Washoe County Child Protective Services Division has identified three positions as critical for managing the increased demand for staff caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The project will hire three positions (one Runner, one Intake Screener, one Assessment Case Worker) to administer services directly to support children in foster care and the children or families involved in the Child Welfare System.

### <u>Use of Evidence and Performance Report</u>

Washoe County monitors caseload for CPS workers. To evaluate the effectiveness of grant-funded staff, Washoe County will maintain detailed reports on the number of children served by case workers.

#### **Human Services Agency Vehicles**

ID: (8-000)

Funding Amount: \$283,500

**Expenditure Category:** 2.13: Healthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth or Families Involved in Child Welfare System

Washoe County Human Services Agency identified a need for nine vehicles to add to its fleet to assist with the transportation needs of the population served. This need is a result of the increased caseloads resulting during the COVID-19 public health emergency. The resulting stressors of the pandemic (such as COVID fatigue, loss of employment, and reduced access to childcare coupled with increased demands of exclusions and restrictions) has led to a positive correlation in child abuse and neglect intake referrals and assessment cases. Vehicles have high passenger capacity, the ability to safely fit multiple car seats, all-wheel drive ability, and overall easy accessibility for younger children and those with physical and mental disabilities. Vehicles will be used to address increased caseload for young children and families involved with the foster system to be transported to appointments, visitations, school, and other required essential services.

#### Use of Evidence

Given that this is a capital project, there are no evidence-based interventions to report on.

### Performance Report (Treasury Requirements)

- Number of children served by childcare and early learning (pre-school/pre-K/ages 3- 5): Not applicable.
- Number of families served by home visiting: 250 children transported



**Our Place Site Enhancements** 

ID: (9-000)

Funding Amount: \$1,015,441.00

Expenditure Category: 2.16: Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Website: https://www.washoecounty.gov/hsa/adult\_services/our\_place/index.php

The Washoe County Our Place campus is a facility for women and families experiencing homelessness. The campus has been designed to meet COVID social distancing recommendations. The project intends to complete on-site fencing, landscaping, and miscellaneous repairs, and interior/exterior finishes on existing buildings. Addressing the landscaping, fencing, and painting needs of the campus will ensure safe ingress and egress for the residents on the campus, particularly in winter. In addition, it will ensure the buildings are protected from damage caused by drainage, foot traffic, weather, etc. which ensures all space can remain available to clients still following social distancing guidelines. This project is complete.

## Performance Report (Treasury)

- Number of households receiving eviction prevention services (including legal representation): Not applicable
- Number of affordable housing units preserved or developed: Not applicable.

Our Place Garden Fencing

ID: (10-000)

Funding Amount: \$164,377

Expenditure Category: 2.16: Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons

Website: https://www.soulful-seeds.com/upcoming-events

The project at the Our Place campus includes installing fencing around the 2.6-acre community garden and mini-farm on the property. The project will support the fencing around the perimeter of the garden to secure the garden space. Including activities like gardening and farming at the Our Campus facility works to increase the success of individuals. Women and families will be able to learn to grow food and provide for themselves while feeling safe in a fenced-in environment. This project is complete.

#### Use of Evidence

Given that this is a capital project, there are no evidence-based interventions to report on.

## Performance Report (Treasury Requirements)

- Number of households receiving eviction prevention services (including legal representation): Not applicable
- Number of affordable housing units preserved or developed: Not applicable.





Public Defender Attorneys & Support Staff

ID: (11-000)

Funding Amount: \$2,826,746.00

**Expenditure Category: 3.4: Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery** 

The Washoe County Public Defender's Office hired three attorneys for 48 months. Each attorney will receive an average of 255 cases per year and is expected to close an average of 259 cases per year. The three attorneys will be able to provide representation to clients and close 1,530 cases over the term of the grant. This will close the cases received/cases closed disparity. This will positively impact the criminal case backlog within the courts. Restoring balance to the Public Defenders case received case closed ratio will benefit the court system, the criminal justice system and most importantly the vulnerable and indigent population whose communities have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Use of Evidence and Performance Report

Tracking grant-funded staff caseloads and number of cases closed per year. Since the 2022 Annual Recovery Plan, the project received an additional two years of funding due to unexpected lag times in the PD's ability to close cases.

#### **Public Defender Workstations**

ID: (11-001)

Funding Amount: \$75,341

**Expenditure Category**: 3.4: Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

The Washoe County Public Defender hired three attorneys and two support staff for a period of 24 months to address COVID-19 pandemic-imposed backlog. The project includes workstations for these new staff members and COVID-19 related facility enhancements to allow for safe client-attorney meetings and work.

### Use of Evidence and Performance Report

Given that this is a capital project, there are no evidence-based interventions to report on. Outcome: workstations for grant-funded employees addressing court backlog.

### District Attorney's Office Court Case Backlog Personnel

ID: (12-000)

**Funding Amount: \$2,032,682** 

**Expenditure Category**: 3.2: Public Sector Workforce: Rehiring Public Sector Staff
The Washoe County District Attorney's Office hired three deputy district attorneys, an investigator, and two legal secretaries to address court backlog created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### Use of Evidence and Performance Report

Not applicable. Tracking grant-funded staff caseloads and number of cases closed per year.



District Attorney's Office Facility Improvements

ID: (12-001)

Funding Amount: \$390,732

Expenditure Category: 3.4: Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

The project makes renovations to the building's sixth and seventh floor to allow for additional offices and conference rooms for client-attorney meetings.

### Use of Evidence Performance Report

Given that this is a capital project, there are no evidence-based interventions to report on. Outcome: additional workstations and conference rooms for grant-funded employees addressing court backlog and improvements to the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> floor of the District Attorney's Office.

## **Sparks Justice Court Socially Distanced Jury Courtroom**

ID: (13-000)

Funding Amount: \$380,900

Expenditure Category: 3.4: Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

Sparks Justice Court is creating a new courtroom that will accommodate fourteen jurors and provide equitable distancing, thus providing a safer operating environment. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Sparks Justice Court ceased all jury trials scheduled from March 2020 and did not resume jury trials until July 2021. The court was backlogged over 20 jury trials due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The new courtroom will provide an opportunity to contract with Pro Tempore's and temporary staff to move cases forward to mitigate further backlog.

#### Use of Evidence and Performance Report

Given that this is a capital project, there are no evidence-based interventions to report on.

## Sparks Justice Court JAVS Audio Visual Upgrade

ID: (14-000)

Funding Amount: \$138,638; Completed \$134,026.73

### Expenditure Category: 3.4: Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

Sparks Justice Court installed updated audiovisual technology throughout the court. The project meets the growing demand for remote access to justice for public safety, expedited processing of case backlog due to the COVID-19 pandemic and addresses the negative impact of low-quality audiovisual technology on Limited English Proficiency (LEP) individuals and those who are hard of hearing. Additionally, this project addresses the quality of evidence sharing with onsite and remote parties and the preservation of such records within the certified recording system. Previously, the court experiences many issues in evidence cart connections and shared quality due to the outdated use of video graphics arrays and multiple down/up scalers to transmit the proceedings into the recorder, witness stand, and public visual display. The project was completed in June 2022.

### Use of Evidence and Performance Report

Given that this is a capital project, there are no evidence-based interventions to report.



## Reno Justice Court Courtroom A Remodel

ID: (15-000)

Funding Amount: \$500,000 - CANCELLED; Deobligated Funds: \$500,000 Expenditure Category: 3.4: Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

In the spring of 2023, the Reno Justice Court decided that there was a more effective solution to complying with Nevada Assembly Bill 42, which expanded the size of a justice court jury from six to twelve. The project was cancelled, and the funds were deobligated from this project. No evidence-based interventions are necessary for this project given that it is a capital investment.

### Use of Evidence and Performance Report

Given that this is a capital project, there are no evidence-based interventions to report on. There are no specific Treasury Performance requirements.

## Reno Justice Court Self Help Center

ID: (16-000)

Funding Amount: \$90,675; Completed: \$74,318.85

Expenditure Category: 3.4: Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

The Reno Justice Court constructed a physical space to house a self-help center. The project furnished the space with computer terminals, workstations, chairs, and modular walls/doors for conference rooms. Now, self-represented litigants are able to use the space to, among other things, oppose a residential eviction, oppose a debt collection proceeding, seal a criminal record, or file/oppose a small claims case. Self-represented litigants will be able to obtain assistance with registering for the Court's electronic filing system, and the Court will allow representative from local legal aid organizations to use the space to provide advice and counsel to these individuals. The project will be completed in June 2022.

#### Use of Evidence and Performance Report

Given that this is a capital project, there are no evidence-based interventions to report on. Although this project is for the purchase of furniture, the Self-Help Center tracks usage data. The Reno Justice Court uses this information to make strategic decisions regarding additional hours, capacity, and new options for service.



Washoe County Sheriff's Office Deputy Sheriff's Positions

ID: (17-000)

Funding Amount: \$1,956,096; Completed: \$1,049,101.80

Expenditure Category: 3.1: Public Sector Workforce: Payroll and Benefits for Public Health, Public Safety, or Human Services Workers

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office used APRA funding to hire 20 Deputy Sheriff's and two Sergeants to address the increased criminal activity in service areas. From increased high-risk calls for service such as domestic violence to the expanded mental health needs of individuals housed in the Detention Facility, the workload placed on Deputies has increased exponentially. Sheriff's Office deputies are the first responders to emergency calls from both the Nevada Cares Campus and the Washoe County Safe Camp. These calls will involve more time and complexity. The project includes the equipment needed to onboard these 22 positions including: radios, tasers, Ballistic vests, weapon allowance, four (4) vehicles, and recruitment costs. Personnel charges ended in June 2022.

#### Use of Evidence and Performance Report

No evidence-based interventions are funded with the County's ARPA-SLFRF funds. Tracked grant funded personnel.

# Washoe County Sheriff's Office UVC Sanitizing Program

ID: (18-000)

Funding Amount: \$140,000; Completed: \$104,000

Expenditure Category: 1.4: Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, Childcare facilities, etc.)

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office installed UVC Light Sanitizing equipment to eliminate exposure to contagious diseases at the Washoe County Detention Center. The UVC Light kills bacteria or viruses prior to cleaning the inmate cells or housing units. This project reduces costs for cleaning supplies because the equipment will sanitize the Detention Facility instead of personnel routinely cleaning it to eliminate the bacteria or viruses by wiping handrails, high touch areas, etc. The project is complete.

#### <u>Use of Evidence and Performance Report</u>

Given that this project is to purchase equipment, there are no evidence-based interventions to report. Outcome: reduction in staff cleaning time.

## County Clerk's Office Administrative Staffing

ID: (19-000)

Funding Amount: \$58,895; Completed: \$6,792.95

Expenditure Category: 3.3: Public Sector Workforce: Other

The County Clerk's Office hired one assistant staff member to support the homelessness board and Clerk until June 2022. Personnel charges ended in June 2022.

#### <u>Use of Evidence and Performance Report</u>

There are no evidence-based interventions to report on. The position was hired in June 2022 and placed onto the General Fund in July 2022. There will not be additional indicators to track for this project.



Medical Examiner Contract Staff, Pooled Positions, Overtime, PPE & Supplies

ID: (20-000)

Funding Amount: \$190,000; Completed

Expenditure Category: 1.5: Personal Protective Equipment

The caseload for the Medical Examiner's Office increased by more than 16% between 2019 and 2020 and was projected to increase by a total of 22% between 2019 and 2021. Due to the significant increase in deaths in the region, the Medical Examiner's Office needed additional funding for personnel to handle the caseload increase. The ME's Office must investigate and conduct additional testing on other deaths as potential COVID-related deaths (cases in which COVID had not been diagnosed but in which similar symptoms are present). Many of these deaths do not end up being COVID-related but additional time and effort are used to make that determination which increases the workload for employees. The Medical Examiner's Office also needed additional supplies to perform its mandated duties. This funding allowed for the purchase of additional lab supplies (such body bags, scalpels, etc.) that are required for the office as well as personal protective equipment (PPE) for employees. During the pandemic, there were significant supply chain shortages. The Medical Examiner's Office had to exhaust its normal supply reserves due to the lack of availability of supplies and has yet to recover. The project completed.

<u>Use of Evidence & Performance Report</u> Not applicable under Treasury Guidelines.

## Second Judicial District Court Courtrooms Audio Visual Upgrade

ID: (21-000)

Funding Amount: \$1,331,004.00

Expenditure Category: 3.4: Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

The Washoe County District Court will increase audio-visual technology to allow for additional court proceedings for remote courts. The District Court will install the cameras, microphones and media carts necessary to have true audio-visual capabilities in each court room. The project meets the growing demand for remote access to justice for public safety, expedited processing of case backlog due to the COVID-19 pandemic and addresses the negative impact of low-quality audiovisual technology on Limited English Proficiency (LEP) individuals and those who are hard of hearing. Additionally, this project addresses the quality of evidence sharing with onsite and remote parties and the preservation of such records within the certified recording system. This project also includes a new Audio-Visual Technician for 24 months.

#### Use of Evidence and Performance Report

Given that this is a capital project, there are no evidence-based interventions to report on. There are no specific Treasury Performance requirements.



**Mobile Outreach Vehicle and Command Post** 

ID: (22-000)

Funding Amount: \$575,498.00

**Expenditure Category: 1.14: Other Public Health Services** 

The Health District will develop plans for and purchase a mobile outreach vehicle that will also serve as a central command post in emergencies. The vehicle will allow for targeted outreach focusing on highly socially vulnerable zip codes. A mobile outreach vehicle/command post will allow training and education to healthcare partners in the community, increasing WCHD's ability to provide medical services and mass vaccinate through targeted outreach. In addition, the vehicle will be utilized at Public Health Preparedness exercises of varying types thus increasing public health and healthcare response in the region. The vehicle will be setup with an exam room to provide clinical services to help close the gap of health outcomes by going to underserved zip codes, specifically zip codes of high social vulnerability index as noted above, including multiple ethnic groups, with low vaccine rates and low access to health care. By increasing access to healthcare preparedness and access to clinical services, Washoe County Health District would be mitigating the economic, social and health impact of COVID-19 on the underserved and vulnerable populations. It is estimated that the vehicle will be fully assembled and delivered to Washoe County within the next few years. The equipment has been purchased and is estimated for delivery in 2024.

### Use of Evidence & Performance Report

Given that this is a capital project, there are no evidence-based interventions to report on. There are no specific Treasury Performance requirements.

## Public Health Technology Infrastructure

ID: (23-000)

Funding Amount: \$300,000

Expenditure Category: 3.4: Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

The Environmental Health Services and Air Quality Management Divisions project will contract with a vendor to implement the following: 1) Simplify the public facing processes to increase functionality and use and 2) Automate all processes including all permits and inspections. By updating the public health technology system, focusing on customer ease of use, ensuring all processes are automated and efficient, and reporting is easy and comprehensive, the Health District will be able to meet the public health needs more rapidly in Washoe County. This project will also improve the technology infrastructure to assist in meeting the current backlog and assist in the prevention of future backlogs. The project is funded through June 2024.

#### Use of Evidence and Performance Report

Given that this is a capital project, there are no evidence-based interventions to report on. Outcome: streamlined technology for permitting and reporting.



Children's Cabinet Signs of Suicide

ID: (24-000)

Funding Amount: \$100,000; Completed

**Expenditure Category: 1.12: Mental Health Services** 

Website: https://www.childrenscabinet.org/who-we-serve/i-am-a-youth/signs-of-suicide/

The Signs of Suicide (SOS) prevention program is a nationally recognized, evidence-based, program for middle and high school-age students. SOS fulfills a critical need in the community as Cabinet staff work directly with middle school students in Washoe County, this includes students in the Washoe County School District as well as young people in charter and private schools, to identify signs of depression and symptoms that are consistent with suicide risk. We are all aware of the stressors the pandemic has placed on nearly every segment of the population, and youth are no exception. Fortunately, SOS helps identify young people in need of additional support, provides immediate resources and assistance to identified youth and their families, and also gives youth tools to ask for help when facing difficult life experiences. The subgrant will be used for operating expenses to ensure the program is fully funded for the 2021-2022 school year. The funding concluded in June 2022.

The Children's

Cabinet

Use of Evidence and Performance Report

The Signs of Suicide Prevention Program is an evidence-based intervention program for middle and high school students. Intended outcomes: reduction in suicidal thoughts and tendencies in Washoe County School District.

Great Reno Balloon Race 2022 Event Support

ID: (25-000)

Funding Amount: \$100,000; Completed

Expenditure Category: 2.35: Aid to Tourism Travel or Hospitality

Website: https://renoballoon.com/

The subgrant to the Great Reno Balloon Race will be used towards operational expenses for the Great Reno Balloon Race of 2022 and ensure future sustainability of the event. The Great Reno Balloon Race is the world's largest free hot-air ballooning event. The project supports event logistic costs such as parking, tent rentals, and bathrooms.

<u>Use of Evidence and Performance Report</u> Outcomes: The annual event was held.



## Recruitment & Retention Incentive Program

ID: (26-000)

Funding Amount: \$150,000

Expenditure Category: 3.3: Public Sector Workforce: Other

The Washoe County Recruitment & Retention Incentive Program is used to assist with the recruitment and retention of employees in difficult to fill positions in the County that are impacted by a shortage of qualified labor in the region and/or to assist with the recruitment of positions into the County where the private sector has a competitive advantage with salary and retention incentive opportunities through three programs: Recruitment Incentive; Employee Referral Incentive; Retention Incentive. The program will last until the \$150,000 has been awarded.

#### <u>Use of Evidence and Performance Report</u>

This program is not evidence-based but has already shown itself to be an effective marketing tool for recruiting new employees. Key performance indicators for this program will be the number of employees retained after one year of employment in their current role after receiving a bonus.

#### **ARPA-SLFRF Administration**

ID: (27-000)

**Funding Amount: \$2,800,000** 

## **Expenditure Category: 7.1 Administrative Expenses**

Washoe County has hired a small team housed under the Office of the County Manager to administer and manage SLFRF funding. There is one Program Manager, one Analyst, one Fiscal Compliance Officer, and a Program Coordinator. Budget includes workstations for staff members and office supplies to administer grants to subawards and comply with SLFRF reporting requirements.



Wilbur D. May Museum Operations

ID: (28-000)

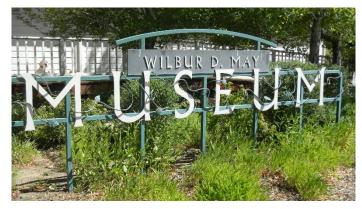
Funding Amount: \$200,000

Completed

Expenditure Category: 3.3: Public Sector Workforce: Other

Website: <a href="https://www.washoecounty.gov/parks/maycenterhome/index.php">https://www.washoecounty.gov/parks/maycenterhome/index.php</a>

This SLFRF allocation provided support for the Wilbur D. May Museum to implement programming and continue normal operations as it recovers from the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Museum was required to close its doors when COVID-19 public health emergency hit but was still required to provide payment to the vendor for a previously purchased exhibit. The Museum also lost revenue for wedding reservations, large events, small events, art shows and the Museum collection. This resulted in a



significant revenue loss. The SLFRF support will allow for recovery as the Museum returns to self-sustainability. The Museum has been self-sustained since 2009, relying on and operating from exhibit revenues, facility reservation revenues until COVID-19. The funding for this project will be completed in June 2022.

#### Use of Evidence and Performance Report

There will not be evidence-based interventions included in this project or key performance indicators because this project is intended to provide funds for operational expenses to prevent gaps in service for the May Museum.

Washoe Wellness Initiative

ID: (29-000)

**Funding Amount: \$118,252.63** 

**Expenditure Category:** 6.1: Revenue Replacement:

Provision of Government Services

To provide Washoe county employees with a fitness center on site to promote healthy work-life balance and living healthier lifestyles. The Employee Wellness Center at the 9th and Wells Complex includes adjustments to existing facilities to increase airflow and the purchase of fitness equipment. The fitness center opened in June 2022. The Initiative also includes funding for a two-year contract with the Calm App for employee mental health. There will not be evidence-based interventions included in this project.





ARPA Accountant - Administration

ID: (30-000)

Funding Amount: \$286,000

**Expenditure Category: 7.1 Administrative Expenses** 

Washoe County has hired a part-time temporary accountant to assist with managing Washoe County ARPA-funded projects. This is a contracted position with an accounting firm.

**Incline Village Justice Court Renovations** 

ID: (31-000)

Funding Amount: \$747,800

Expenditure Category: 3.4: Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

The Incline Justice Access Project will include renovations to the Incline Community Center, to house the court room, offices, and technological enhancements to improve access to court proceedings for the public. The pandemic has driven innovation for remote access that will be long term solutions. Audio/video technology with a 360 degree in courtroom camera, distributed speakers, and IP based source systems will enable opportunities for remote access for those not physically located in the courtroom. Distributed Wi-fi access throughout the courthouse will be provided for public and counsel access. Additionally, the project will provide dedicated public workstations with access to case files and online forms. The project includes physical renovations to meet ADA requirements at the Incline Community Center.

## Use of Evidence and Performance Report

Outcomes: Greater access to criminal justice in Incline Village and avoid closure of public facilities until a more permanent solution can be identified.

**Soulful Seeds Operations** 

ID: (32-000)

Funding Amount: \$50,000; Completed

Expenditure Category: 2.16: Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused

Website: https://www.soulful-seeds.com/

Soulful Seeds provides healthy, sustainable, fresh food to the most vulnerable populations in the Washoe County community. In 2021, Soulful Seeds and Washoe County partnered to create a garden/farm located on the campus of Our Place, with a women's shelter and a family shelter operated by the County. This project includes operation expenses such as staff time, garden supplies, and purchase of 100 fruit trees for the campus. The women and families who stay at Our Place will have the opportunity to learn how to grow their own food, cook, and develop better nutrition habits while gaining job skills. Project performance will occur over the 2022 calendar year. No evidence-based interventions will be considered in this project.

#### Use of Evidence and Performance Report

- Number of households receiving eviction prevention services (including legal representation): None
- Number of affordable housing units preserved or developed: None.



# Reno Housing Authority Regional Affordable Housing Support

ID: (33-000)

Funding Amount: \$350,000

## Expenditure Category: 2.16: Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused

If awarded the property, RHA staff would propose using the \$350,000 to renovate the space as a resident services hub. RHA resident services staff would relocate to the building and operate a variety of workforce development, youth, and senior programming from the hub. We would also potentially partner with one or more community service agencies to provide on-site services. Programming would be in support of RHA's mission which includes enabling low-income families to pursue economic opportunities, become self-sufficient, and improve their quality of life.

#### <u>Use of Evidence and Performance Report</u>

- Number of households receiving eviction prevention services (including legal representation): Zero
- Number of affordable housing units preserved or developed: Zero.

## Washoe County Sheriff's Office Security Upgrade

ID: (34-000)

**Funding Amount: \$2,000,000** 

#### Expenditure Category: 3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office Detention Facility and Washoe County Courts at 1 South Sierra and 75 Court Street have security control systems that have been discontinued. These systems allow Sheriff Support Specialists to monitor and control access to some of the most secure and sensitive locations in the entire county. Currently, the software and hardware components operate poorly and are prone to intermittent failures that require repairs and impede the safe and timely flow of traffic through these facilities. An upgrade and replacement of components will ensure the continued reliable operation of these areas well into the future. There will not be evidence-based interventions included in this project. This project includes multiple funding sources and will go out to bid later this summer. The period of performance for this project is expected to occur until the end of 2026.

## Use of Evidence and Performance Report

Given that this is a capital project, there are no evidence-based interventions to report on. Intended impact: increased safety for Sheriff's Office personnel and the public.



Juvenile Services Mental Health

ID: (34-000)

Funding Amount: \$661,924.00

**Expenditure Category: 1.12: Mental Health Services** 

Multisystemic Therapy (MST) provides intensive, community-based treatment for moderate and high-risk juvenile offenders in the community in lieu of placement in intermediate behavioral modification or residential substance abuse programs. The overriding goal of MST is to reduce criminal activity, reduce other types of anti-social behavior such as drug use, and achieve these outcomes at a cost savings by decreasing rates of incarceration and out-of-home placement. Through intense involvement and contact with the family, MST aims to uncover and assess the functional origins of adolescent behavioral problems, and targets youths between the ages of 12 and 17. The program is supported by the National Institute of Justice, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and the U.S. Surgeon General. MST functions by therapists working in the home, school and community and are on call 24/7 to provide caregivers with the tools they need to transform the lives of troubled youth. In the time of ever shrinking residential and community-based options, MST provides a promising intervention option.

#### <u>Use of Evidence and Performance Report</u>

MST is an evidenced based intensive treatment process that focuses on diagnosed behavioral health disorders and on environmental systems (family, school, peer groups, culture, neighborhood and community) that contribute to, or influence an individual's involvement, or potential involvement in the juvenile justice system. The target age range is youth 12-17 but youth of other ages can receive the service if medically necessary. The therapeutic modality uses family strengths to promote positive coping activities, works with the caregivers to reinforce positive behaviors, and reduce negative behavior, and helps the family increase accountability and problem solving. Beneficiaries accepting MST receive assessment and home-based treatment that strives to change how the individuals, who are at risk of out-of-home placement, or who are returning home from an out of home placement, function in their natural settings to promote positive social behavior while decreasing anti-social behavior.

MST's therapeutic model aims to uncover and assess the functional origins of adolescent behavioral problems by altering the individual's behavior in a manner that promotes prosocial conduct while decreasing aggressive/violent, antisocial, substance using and/or delinquent behavior by keeping the individual safely at home, in school and out of trouble. Treatment is used at the onset of behaviors that could result in (or have resulted in) criminal involvement by treating the individual within the environment that has formed the basis of the problem behavior.

There are no required Treasury Performance Measures for this expenditure category. However, Washoe County Juvenile Services actively monitor performance from the participants related to juvenile behavior factors.



Regional COVID-19 Wastewater Surveillance Research

ID: (35-000)

Funding Amount: \$504,258.66 - Completed

Expenditure Category: 1.7 Other COVID-19 Public Health Expenses (including Communications, Enforcement, Isolation/Quarantine)

The City of Sparks administers the regional contract with the University of Nevada Reno to conduct a regional investigation of SARS-CoV-2 presence in wastewater and community prevalence monitoring due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This research is to conduct environmental surveillance of wastewater at the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (TMWRF) and in the collection systems by monitoring of SARS-COV2 Marker during the pandemic in the Truckee Meadows region. Data is used to develop models that can indicate community prevalence of COVID19 in the population.

#### Use of Evidence and Performance Report

The University of Nevada, Reno, Water Innovation Center oversees the implementation of the research project. The project seeks to provide evidence for the presence of COVID-19 in regional water systems. The University research team provides status updates to regional partners monthly.

Family Peace Center

ID: (35 - Peace Center)

Funding Amount: \$480,281.00

Expenditure Category: 2.13: Healthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth or

Families Involved in Child Welfare System

**Website:** https://www.washoecourts.com/FamilyServices/PeaceCenter

The Family Peace Center provides access to supervised visitation and exchange services for families dealing with court matters at the Second Judicial District Court. Supervised visitation programs provide children an opportunity to have contact with non-custodial parents while legal issues are being resolved. Most parents that use the supervised visitation service have underlying substance abuse, alcohol, untreated mental health issues and/or domestic violence concerns. Without such a service, the non-custodial parents would not be safe to visit their child in an unsupervised setting.

## Use of Evidence and Performance Report

Healthy Childhood Environments (EC 2.11-2.14):

- Number of children served by childcare and early learning (pre-school/pre-K/ages 3- 5): Not applicable.
- Number of families served by home visiting: Not applicable.



Translation and Accessibility of Elections Outreach

ID: (36 - Elections)

Funding Amount: \$300,000

Expenditure Category: 3.4: Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

The Office of the County Manager, Communications Division used funding to support Spanish language translation services for the 2022 general election including election webpages. The funds are also intended to support a preliminary ADA accessibility assessment of the Washoe County website.

Use of Evidence and Performance Report

This is not an evidence-based program and there are no Treasury Performance requirements.

Senior Services Soft Serve Machine

ID: (37- Senior Soft Serve)

Funding Amount: \$15,000, Completed

Expenditure Category: 3.4: Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

Senior Services will utilize funds to purchase a soft serve ice cream machine to encourage participation in social activities by Washoe County seniors. The number of participants in facility attendance and regularly scheduled activity groups has decreased approximately 50% compared to pre-COVID census numbers.

## Use of Evidence and Performance Report

This is not an evidence-based program and there are no Treasury Performance requirements. Senior Services continues to track attendance for their events using the soft serve machine.

Sun Valley Recreation Revitalization (GID)

ID: (38 - SVGID)

Funding Amount: \$250,000

Expenditure Category: 2.22: Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety

Sun Valley General Improvement District will use ARPA-SFLRF funds to rehabilitate playground equipment at the Sun Valley Community Park, resurface a park basketball court, and finance a water conservation and energy consultation at four parks. The project will support deferred park maintenance at the Sun Valley Community Park, Sun Valley Pool, Highland Ranch Park, Gepford Park, and Sun Mesa Parks.

<u>Use of Evidence & Performance Report</u>

Addressing Educational Disparities (EC 2.24-2.26) and Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time (EC 2.27):

• Number of students participating in evidence-based tutoring programs: Zero



Palomino Valley Road Restoration (GID)

ID: (39-000)

Funding Amount: \$250,000

**Expenditure Category: 6.1 Revenue Recovery Provision of Government Services** 

Palomino Valley General Improvement District will use ARPA-SFLRF funds to support three road repair and maintenance projects in Palomino Valley. These projects will increase safety and access to public transportation corridors in the community.

## Use of Evidence and Performance Report

The project has been completed which leads to greater road quality for Palomino Valley residents.

National Fitness Courts ID: (40-Fitness Courts)

**Funding Amount: \$499,568.00** 

Expenditure Category: 2.22: Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote

Health and Safety

During COVID-19 pandemic we saw the value and benefit of our parks and outdoor spaces in Washoe County as residents took advantage of opportunities for outdoor exercise. Two fitness courts will be 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 will be displayed on each of the two fitness courts.

#### Use of Evidence and Performance Report

Addressing Educational Disparities (EC 2.24-2.26) and Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time (EC 2.27):

Number of students participating in evidence-based tutoring programs: Zero





Incline Village General Improvement District Recreation Support

ID: (41-IVGID)

Funding Amount: \$250,000

Expenditure Category: 2.22: Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote

Health and Safety

Incline Village GID intends to hire an architect to evaluate the current skate park and design recommendations for improvements. Following these recommendations, IVGID will hire a construction company to install an enhanced skate park that meets the needs of the Incline Village Community. The objective of this project is to enhance the skate park so that additional skate area can be provided along with beginner elements to better suit the growing number of users the park has.

#### <u>Use of Evidence & Performance Report</u>

Addressing Educational Disparities (EC 2.24-2.26) and Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time (EC 2.27):

Number of students participating in evidence-based tutoring programs: Zero

Access to Veterinary Care for Underserved Communities Options Veterinary Care

ID: (42-Options Vet)

Funding Amount: \$100,000

Expenditure Category: 2.34: Assistance to Impacted Nonprofit Organizations (Impacted or

Disproportionately Impacted)

Website: https://www.optionsveterinarycare.org/

Funding will support animal care for 450 individuals or families in Washoe County, including the cost of an exam with a veterinarian, diagnosis and treatment, and necessary follow-up visits. Services will be provided by veterinarians at Options' fully equipped and professionally staffed clinic in Reno.

#### <u>Use of Evidence & Performance Report</u>

This program is not evidence-based. There are no required Treasury Performance reports for this expenditure category. Washoe County maintains individual performance measures outlined in the subrecipients scope of work subgrant agreement.









Bigs with Badges Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern Nevada

ID: (43-Bigs with Badges) Funding Amount: \$31,630.09

Expenditure Category: 2.13: Healthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth or

Families Involved in Child Welfare System

Website: <a href="https://www.bbbsnn.org/">https://www.bbbsnn.org/</a>

Bigs with Badges is a new program that specifically targets mentors (Bigs) from within the first responder community. This request addresses funding for the launch and maintenance of 20 matches in this new program option. Funding will be used to recruit, screen (including reference checks, background checks, interviews and fingerprinting), and train adult mentors; to recruit and interview Littles and their families; to match and introduce Bigs with Littles; to monitor matches for safety and efficacy as well as to provide guidance to Bigs; to conduct surveys to track the outcomes of the program's enrolled kids; and to provide wraparound service referrals to families where necessary. As this is a new program, mentor recruitment and partnership building between BBBSNN agency and northern Nevada first responder agencies will be the bulk of the program's focus and funding priority in the first year.

#### <u>Use of Evidence & Performance Report</u>

This program is not evidence-based. Washoe County maintains individual performance measures outlined in the subrecipients scope of work subgrant agreement. Healthy Childhood Environments (EC 2.11-2.14):

- Number of children served by childcare and early learning (pre-school/pre-K/ages 3- 5): Not applicable.
- Number of families served by home visiting: Not applicable.







Caregiver Support Initiative Community Foundation of Northern Nevada

ID: (44-Caregiver Support) Funding Amount: \$210,985.48

Expenditure Category: 2.37: Economic Impact Assistance: Other Website: https://nevadafund.org/community/caregiver-support

The Community Foundation is partnering with the Sanford Center for Aging (SCA) to connect family caregivers with resources, provide caregiver workshops, and conduct community outreach. SCA will elevate the reach of two resources developed by the Community Foundation: the Nevada Caregivers Guidebook and NevadaCaregivers.org (formerly the Washoe Caregivers Guidebook and WashoeCaregivers.org). The Nevada Caregivers Guidebook, available in Spanish and English, is a manual on how to be a new caregiver. NevadaCaregivers.org supplements the Guidebook and lists 300 local resources for family caregivers along with information on how to get compensated as a family caregiver, and other caregiving information. NevadaCaregivers.org is easily translated to Spanish and other languages. The Community Foundation is also partnering with the Better Business Bureau to protect isolated seniors from financial abuse.

## Use of Evidence & Performance Report

This program is not evidence-based. There are no required Treasury Performance reports for this expenditure category. Washoe County maintains individual performance measures outlined in the subrecipients scope of work subgrant agreement.







Project Discovery's Creating Community Resilience Through Youth Empowerment: Promoting

Healthy Attitudes, Behaviors and Cognitions

ID: (45-Project Discovery)
Funding Amount: \$49,975.00

Expenditure Category: 2.27: Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time

Website: <a href="http://projectdiscovery.com/">http://projectdiscovery.com/</a>

Project Discovery will provide free on-site school programs during the 22/23 school year at schools within a Qualified Census Tract. Programs are catered to individual classroom needs and include the Portable Challenge and Classroom Constitution. The programs provide experiential activities to explore and understand students' "Attitudes, Behaviors, and Cognitions" (ABCs) and their impact on other classmates and the greater community. Project Discovery will provide the Boys and Girls Clubs of Reno, Black Wallstreet and Forever14 with cost-free Ropes Course and/or Outdoor Adventure Challenges at Sky Tavern during the Summer of 2023. Project Discovery's Leadership Challenge Program provides an arena where youth can "try out" more productive ABCs. The program emphasizes communication and demonstrates how life-changing leadership tools can be. Project Discovery will provide Washoe County Health and Human Services Foster Care youth summer camp programs as cost-free scholarships during the Summer of 2023.

#### Use of Evidence & Performance Report

This program is not evidence-based. Washoe County maintains individual performance measures outlined in the subrecipients scope of work subgrant agreement.

Addressing Educational Disparities (EC 2.24-2.26) and Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time (EC 2.27):

Number of students participating in evidence-based tutoring programs:
 Not Applicable











Friends of Black Rock High Rock Enhancing Recreational Opportunities and Creating Jobs in Environmental Tourism in Gerlach-Empire

ID: (46-FBRHR)

**Funding Amount: \$49,864.79** 

Expenditure Category: 2.22: Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote

Health and Safety

Website: <a href="https://blackrockdesert.org/">https://blackrockdesert.org/</a>

Friends of Black Rock High Rock will create a new interpretive guide program in the Gerlach-Empire region to provide seasonal contracted work and additional recreation opportunities. The proposal aims to enhance and create new experiential tours and trips to include guided standard and e-bike tours, gem and mineral tours, art and culture trips, photography outings, dark skies campouts and geology and hot springs educational tours. Interpretative trail guides will be recruited and trained through a national accreditation program to provide guided e-bike tours in the Black Rock desert.

## <u>Use of Evidence & Performance Report</u>

This program is not evidence-based. There are no required Treasury Performance reports for this expenditure category. Washoe County maintains individual performance measures outlined in the subrecipients scope of work subgrant agreement.



Tu Casa Latina Immigrant Outreach and Advocacy

ID: (47-Tu Casa Latina) Funding Amount: \$23,450.00

**Expenditure Category: 2.37: Economic Impact Assistance: Other** 

Website: http://www.tucasalatina.org/

Tu Casa Latina serves undocumented individuals who are survivors of trafficking, domestic abuse, or other violent crimes. Grant funds will be used to support portions of two positions in the organization to provide education and outreach events in the region related to immigration and to assist individuals with obtaining resources.

#### Use of Evidence & Performance Report

This program is not evidence-based. There are no required Treasury Performance reports for this expenditure category. Washoe County maintains individual performance measures outlined in the subrecipients scope of work subgrant agreement.





Incline Education Fund Incline High School Engineering and Entrepreneurship Project Lead the

Way

ID: (48-Incline Education Fund) Funding Amount: \$50,000

Expenditure Category: 2.27: Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time

Website: https://www.inclineeducationfund.org/

The Incline High School Engineering and Entrepreneurship program utilizing 'Project Lead the Way Engineering' (PLTW) will provide students with an opportunity to become excellent problem solvers and increase the number of students at IHS prepared to enter the STEM fields directly

out of high school or at the university. Students that are interested in the trades will be able to learn modern job skills that are marketable and relevant to the current industries in our region. Funding will be used to support engineering equipment for the program.

## Use of Evidence & Performance Report

Addressing Educational Disparities (EC 2.24-2.26) and Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time (EC 2.27):

 Number of students participating in evidence-based tutoring programs: 300

Pioneer Center's Golden Encore: Lifelong Learning Entertainment for Seniors

ID: (49-Pioneer)

**Funding Amount: \$66,500.00** 

Expenditure Category: 2.22: Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote

Health and Safety

Website: <a href="https://pioneercenter.com/Online/default.asp">https://pioneercenter.com/Online/default.asp</a>

Lifelong Learning-Live on Stage! Provides programming catered to older adults, aged 55+ and

engages them in the performing arts.

#### <u>Use of Evidence & Performance Report</u>

This program is not evidence-based. There are no required Treasury Performance reports for this expenditure category. Washoe County maintains individual performance measures outlined in the subrecipients scope of work subgrant agreement.



a lifelong learning entertainment program for seniors



ReBuilding Together Northern Nevada Safe and Healthy Homes for Washoe

ID: (50-Rebuilding Together) Funding Amount: \$100,000

Expenditure Category: 2.18: Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance

Website: <a href="https://rebuildingtogethernnv.org/">https://rebuildingtogethernnv.org/</a>

The Safe and Healthy Homes for Washoe Program addresses the immediate needs for home repairs in Washoe County, specifically Sparks and unincorporated Washoe County. RTNNV will perform these repairs by working in-house with repair staff members, volunteers, and hiring licensed contractors. These repair services fall into two categories—accessibility and livability. Accessibility services address issues for seniors and individuals with disabilities, including trip and fall prevention, accessibility modifications, and ramp installation. Livability services focus on the health and safety of a home. The project aims to provide home repairs to 10 families in affordable housing units.

## Use of Evidence & Performance Report

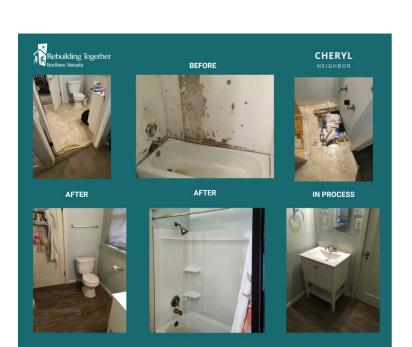
This program is not evidence-based. Washoe County maintains individual performance measures outlined in the subrecipients scope of work subgrant agreement.

Household Assistance (EC 2.2), Long-term Housing Security (EC 2.15-2.16) and Housing Support (EC 2.17-2.18):

Rebuilding Together.
Northern Nevada

 Number of households receiving eviction prevention services (including legal representation): 10 households

 Number of affordable housing units preserved or developed: 10-15 homes.





Sierra Nevada Journey's STEM Explorers Out of School Time

ID: (51-Sierra Nevada Journeys) Funding Amount: \$177,655.34

Expenditure Category: 2.27: Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time

Website: <a href="https://www.sierranevadajourneys.org/">https://www.sierranevadajourneys.org/</a>

STEM Explorers is a weekly after-school program that includes Overnight Outdoor Learning (an overnight camp) at the end of the school year. STEM Explorers is intentionally designed to build academic success and integrate social and emotional development through facilitated leadership and collaborative lessons. Grant funding will expand the program to three Washoe County schools including Desert Skies, William O'Brien STEM Academy (O'Brien) and Sparks Middle. SNJ can positively impact students at Desert Skies, O'Brien and Sparks Middle, where standardized test scores all reveal students are falling behind. Between the three school sites, Nevada Report Card's Accountability Portal indicates that only 19-23% of students are proficient in science, lower than both Washoe County and Nevada

<u>Use of Evidence & Performance Report</u>
Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time (EC 2.27):

 Number of students participating in evidencebased tutoring programs: 300



The Discovery Museum Survival of the Slowest

ID: (52-The Discovery Museum)

Funding Amount: \$100,000 - Completed

**Expenditure Category:** 2.22: Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote

Health and Safety

Website: <a href="https://nvdm.org/">https://nvdm.org/</a>

Grant funding supported Discovery's 2022-2023 temporary exhibit: Survival of the Slowest, a 10,000 sq. ft. traveling exhibition we will be hosting from September 22, 2022 through January 8, 2023. Survival of the Slowest featured 15 animals with unusual evolutionary adaptations that help them survive in the wild. Visitors learned about why creatures like the two-toed sloth, African crested porcupine, green iguana, and more look and behave the way they do. This exhibition teaches visitors the importance of wildlife conservation and habitat restoration so animals like those featured can continue thriving in the wild. The support resulted in a 94% increase in visitation from Summer 2022 to Fall/Winter 2022.

#### Use of Evidence & Performance Report

This program is not evidence-based. There were no required Treasury Performance reports for this expenditure category. Washoe County maintains individual performance measures outlined in the subrecipients scope of work subgrant agreement.





**Community Services Agency Victims of Crime Support Program** 

ID: (53-CSA)

**Funding Amount: \$61,052.97** 

**Expenditure Category: 1.11: Community Violence Interventions** 

Website: https://www.csareno.org/

Community Services Agency will provide services to victims of crime in the County by helping them to navigate resources. A comprehensive intake assessment will be performed covering various aspects of the victim's lives to identify individual needs, preferences, and strengths.



### Use of Evidence & Performance Report

Assistance to Unemployed or Under Employed Workers (EC 2.10) and Community Violence Interventions (EC 1.11):

- Number of workers enrolled in sectoral job training programs: NA
- Number of workers completing sectoral job training programs: NA
- Number of people participating in summer youth employment programs: NA

#### Gerlach Affordable Housing

ID: (54-Gerlach Housing) Funding Amount: \$250,000

Expenditure Category: 2.15: Long-term Housing Security: Affordable Housing

Washoe County Community Services Department will work with a local engineering company to consult with the Gerlach General Improvement District to develop additional affordable housing options for the Gerlach area.

#### Use of Evidence & Performance Report

Household Assistance (EC 2.2), Long-term Housing Security (EC 2.15-2.16) and Housing Support (EC 2.17-2.18):

- Number of households receiving eviction prevention services (including legal representation): NA
- Number of affordable housing units preserved or developed: NA



Affordable Housing Trust Fund

ID: (55-AHTF)

**Funding Amount: \$2,060,000** 

Expenditure Category: 2.15: Long-term Housing Security: Affordable Housing

Website: <a href="https://nevadafund.org/washoe-county-affordable-housing-trust-fund">https://nevadafund.org/washoe-county-affordable-housing-trust-fund</a>

Washoe County's Affordable Housing Trust Fund provides funding to housing developers through competitive solicitation process to increase and improve the supply of affordable housing for low, very low and extremely low-income households, with priority given to permanent supportive housing projects affordable to extremely low-income households. On October 25th, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners approved updates to County Code Chapter 45.498 through 45.520, which redefines the purpose of the Fund to prioritize permanent supportive housing projects for the County's extremely low-income households. Washoe County will contract with the Community Foundation of Northern Nevada for professional services to serve as fiscal agent for the purposes of holding, managing, and disbursing funds allocated the AHTF. This initial allocation will be \$2,060,000. The \$2 million is pass through funding to be loaned out by CFNN and the \$60k is the administrative and origination fee for CFNN's professional services.

## <u>Use of Evidence & Performance Report</u>

Household Assistance (EC 2.2), Long-term Housing Security (EC 2.15-2.16)

- Number of households receiving eviction prevention services (including legal representation): NA
- Number of affordable housing units preserved or developed: NA

Noteable Musical Therapy Expansion of Music Therapy Services

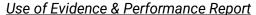
ID: (56-NMTS)

Funding Amount: \$255,506.00

Expenditure Category: 1.12: Mental Health Services

Website: <a href="https://www.nmtsreno.org/">https://www.nmtsreno.org/</a>

Note-Able Music Therapy Services (NMTS) bridges the gaps between disability services, education, mental health, and the arts by providing innovative music therapy and inclusive music opportunities to the community. Services are provided by board-certified and state licensed music therapists and instructors specializing in adaptive music and dance. Funds will help the organization expand to serve the residents of Washoe County in two ways: 1) by assisting with building renovation through the purchase of acoustic ceiling tiles to provide crucial soundproofing of spaces, and 2) by supporting staff to facilitate music therapy and adaptive music groups for children, adults, and seniors in partnership with local agencies. New program services will be provided at Our Place, CrossRoads, DayBreak Adult Day Health Care, Northern Nevada RAVE Family Foundation, Reno Housing Authority, United Cerebral Palsy (UCP).



This program is not evidence-based. There were no required Treasury Performance reports for this expenditure category. Washoe County maintains individual performance measures outlined in the subrecipients scope of work subgrant agreement.



Northern Nevada Food Bank Community Solutions to Hunger Relief and Food Insecurity in

Northern Nevada ID: (57-FBNN)

**Funding Amount: \$110,550.00** 

Expenditure Category: 2.1: Household Assistance: Food Programs

Website: <a href="https://fbnn.org/">https://fbnn.org/</a>

Food Bank of Northern Nevada will use grant funds to develop a new Community Kitchen and multi-purpose site to address nutritional needs, economic barriers and social determinants of health. The facility will be used to provide nutrition programming in a high food insecurity neighborhood in Washoe County.

#### Use of Evidence and Performance Report

This program is not evidence-based. There were no required Treasury Performance reports for this expenditure category. Washoe County maintains individual performance measures outlined in the subrecipients scope of work subgrant agreement.

Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada Elevate (Workforce Development Program)

ID: (58-Catholic Charities)
Funding Amount: \$483,708.00

Expenditure Category: 2.10: Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers

Website: <a href="https://ccsnn.org/">https://ccsnn.org/</a>

Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada's (CCNN's) workforce development (WFD) addresses systemic equity issues in Washoe County by resolving workforce and socioeconomic barriers for low-income, at-risk adults. Participants will be placed in entry level positions (e.g., retail, culinary, administrative, warehouse, maintenance, janitorial, etc.) based on their skillsets and interest. WFD includes temporary employment, financial literacy, credit solutions, resume building, interview coaching, 20-hour soft skills training through University of Nevada Reno's (UNR) College of Business (COB), and wraparound homelessness prevention tools. Case managers will apply evidence-based and trauma-informed strategies to address each participant's goals for sustainability and work-life balance. Eligibility assessments will address housing needs, food security, transportation, benefits enrollment, criminal background, work history, and interests to eradicate these barriers to success. Funding includes partial staff time for CCNN employees and funding for participant vouchers to subsidize rent, obtain bus passes, finish training certificates, and anything else identified by case workers as beneficial for the participant.

#### Use of Evidence and Performance Report

Assistance to Unemployed or Under Employed Workers (EC 2.10)

- # of workers enrolled in sectoral job training programs: 100.
- # of workers completing sectoral job training programs: 75.
- # of people participating in summer youth employment programs: Not applicable.



Domestic Violence Resource Center Flexible Childcare and Child Enrichment Program

ID: (59-Domestic Violence Resource Center)

**Funding Amount: \$97,130.00** 

**Expenditure Category:** 2.11: Healthy Childhood Environments: Child Care

**Website**: https://domesticviolenceresourcecenter.org/

The goal of this pilot project is to offer survivors of domestic violence short-term, flexible childcare in an effort to reduce barriers associated with addressing their mental, emotional, and financial health and wellbeing. In addition, this project will provide more robust wraparound services to children who have witnessed domestic violence. The Children's Program Advocate will create the foundation for the flexible childcare assistance program allowing survivors to access trusted childcare providers for short-term childcare when attending job interviews, counseling sessions, medical appointments, or even quick runs to the grocery store. This position will vet local quality childcare providers who are willing to provide safe childcare services for our clients and begin to build a trusted network of providers. Children's Program Advocate will be an in-person facilitator of our existing age-appropriate cognitive learning and thinking activities but also develop new activities that promote social and emotional growth, confidence, self-sufficiency, and education about healthy boundaries, relationships, communication, and self-care.

<u>Use of Evidence and Performance Report</u> Healthy Childhood Environments (EC 2.11-2.14):

- Number of children served by childcare and early learning (pre-school/pre-K/ages 3- 5): Not applicable.
- Number of families served by home visiting: Not applicable.

Nevada Legal Services Holistic Law Project for Homeless and Low-income Residents of Washoe County

ID: (60-Nevada Legal Services) Funding Amount: \$243,200.00

**Expenditure Category:** 2.37: Economic Impact Assistance: Other

Website: <a href="https://nevadalegalservices.org/">https://nevadalegalservices.org/</a>

Recognizing that many legal services clients often have more than just
legal issues, holistic lawyering provides legal advice and information while
connecting the client to a social worker to provide comprehensive case
management. Including a social worker as part of the legal team allows clients to meet their
needs in one place, instead of traveling to many organizations. Social workers assist with
interviewing clients, assessing the client's psychosocial needs, and making referrals. The grant
will test the client-centered approach to law, better meet the overall legal and social needs of
clients and help close the justice gap in Washoe County by providing approximately 250 of the
community's neediest clients with holistic legal advice.



This program is not evidence-based. There were no required Treasury Performance reports for this expenditure category. Washoe County maintains individual performance measures outlined in the subrecipients scope of work subgrant agreement.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** 

Resource Center



Communities in Schools Integrated Student Supports in Washoe County

ID: (61-Communities in School) Funding Amount: \$740,512.00

Expenditure Category: 2.26: Addressing Educational Disparities: Mental Health Services

Website: <a href="https://www.cisnevada.org/locations/western/">https://www.cisnevada.org/locations/western/</a>

As a result of the pandemic, the need for mental health services, social-emotional health, and trauma-informed practices has significantly increased for Washoe County public school students. Communities in Schools operate in 13 schools across Washoe County to provide Integrated Student Supports (ISS). ISS is an evidence-based, success-proven methodology for providing students with the services and resources they need to remove both academic and nonacademic barriers to their success. The wraparound services include social-emotional learning opportunities, hunger prevention, physical and mental health services, before and afterschool tutoring, and college and career readiness programs. Washoe County support services including Child Protective Services, Housing and Homeless Services, Juvenile Services, the Sheriff's Office, and Human Service Agency collaborate with Site Coordinators to provide a

"community in the school". This funding would provide partial funding for 17 Site Coordinators who will provide over 9,000 students with school-wide services and about 650 students with direct case management each year.

## Use of Evidence & Performance Report

Addressing Educational Disparities (EC 2.24-2.26) and Addressing Impacts of Lost Instructional Time (EC 2.27):

 Number of students participating in evidence-based tutoring programs = 650 students in Washoe County School District Communities
In Schools®
Western Nevada

High Sierra Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Community Health Worker Certification Program

ID: (62-AHEC)

Funding Amount: \$323,750.00

Expenditure Category: 2.10: Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers

Website: https://www.highsierraahec.org/level-up

Level Up is High Sierra AHEC's Community Health Worker I certification program for high school students (ages 16 and older). Nevada and Washoe County continue to experience healthcare worker shortages as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Participants in the Level Up program receive comprehensive career counseling, job training, skill building, and ultimately certification as a Community Health Worker I or II if field placements are completed. Community Health Workers provide critical services to the healthcare field by acting as a bridge between the healthcare system and vulnerable communities by empowering patients to navigate their health and health needs.

## Use of Evidence and Performance Report

Assistance to Unemployed or Under Employed Workers (EC 2.10)

- Number of workers enrolled in sectoral job training programs: 45 students.
- Number of workers completing sectoral job training programs: 40 students
- Number of people participating in summer youth employment programs: 40 students





The Life Change Center Opioid Treatment Induction Support

ID: (63-The Life Change Center) Funding Amount: \$568,042.00

Expenditure Category: 1.13: Substance Use Services

Website: https://www.thelifechangecenter.org/programs/#programs

The Opioid Treatment Induction Support (OTIS) program is a new pilot program that supports individuals recovering from fentanyl addiction. Fentanyl is an opioid rated at 100 morphine equivalent and 50 times stronger than heroin. Treatment patterns at The Life Change Center have shown that individuals recovering from fentanyl have a -20% sobriety rate compared to other opioid users and traditional opioid treatment options are less effective. To address this, OTIS was designed to support, educate, and encourage individuals within the first 90 days of treatment to take their daily medication and work with peer recovery support specialists to normalize withdrawal. The program aims to increase sobriety within fentanyl users in the community.



OTIS is not an evidence-based practice at this time. However, Washoe County's support of the program works to understand data related to medication compliance, sobriety, and treatment retention. After the two-year pilot program, TLLC will provide a comprehensive report to Washoe County detailing the success of the treatment program.

ReDirect Youth Outreach & Boxing

ID: (64-ReDirect)

Funding Amount: \$133,965.00

Expenditure Category: 2.13: Healthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth or

Families Involved in Child Welfare System Website: https://redirectathletics.com/

ReDirect Youth Outreach & Boxing is a local Reno/ Sparks nonprofit that services at-risk youth in the community through fitness and boxing. ReDirect has created a program that allows youth to use fitness and boxing as their coping skill for their daily lives. Many of the youth that ReDirect serves struggle with a variety of mental health diagnosis, disabilities, behavioral issues among others. It has been proven that fitness and physical activity is one of the top outlets to manage anger, aggression, anxiety, depression. It is also very instrumental in keeping kids off the street, out of trouble and away from drugs. Funding will support 50 youth to participate in the program at no cost with priority given to youth involved in the foster care system or juvenile services.

<u>Use of Evidence & Performance Report</u>

Healthy Childhood Environments (EC 2.11-2.14):

- Number of children served by childcare and early learning (preschool/pre-K/ages 3- 5): Not applicable.
- Number of families served by home visiting: Not applicable.





The Empowerment Center Supportive Housing Services

ID: (65-The Empowerment Center) Funding Amount: \$58,230.00

Expenditure Category: 1.13: Substance Use Services

Website: https://empowermentcenternv.org/

The Empowerment Center provides recovery-focused supportive housing to women recovering from substance use disorder. The facility is a 42-unit sober living residence that opened in October 2022. This housing option is for individuals committed to a clean and sober lifestyle. Grant funds will support partial salary for one year for the Director of Housing Services who is responsible for providing on-site programming for residents to transition into independent living. The funding will also support Wi-Fi for the facility so that individuals can access online resources and drug test costs through the Sober24 program.

### Use of Evidence and Performance Report

Funding is used to support a portion of the salary for the supportive housing facility's housing director. For people recovering from substance use disorder, supportive housing is an evidence-based practice to allow them to focus on sobriety without risking homelessness.

Northern Nevada Literacy Council's Washoe County Literacy Project

ID: (66-NNLC)

Funding Amount: \$345,485.00

**Expenditure Category: 2.10: Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers** 

Website: <a href="https://nnlc.org/">https://nnlc.org/</a>

Northern Nevada Literacy Council provides Adult Basic Education (ABE) programs addressing the literacy needs of Washoe County residents. The NNLC Washoe County Literacy Project will offer the following literacy programs at no cost to participants: High School Equivalency Classes and examination preparation, English Literacy Classes, Citizenship Classes, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Out-of-School Youth Program, Family Literacy Program, and Literacy Assessments.

#### Use of Evidence and Performance Report

Assistance to Unemployed or Under Employed Workers (EC 2.10) and Community Violence Interventions (EC 1.11):

- Number of workers enrolled in sectoral job training programs: 300
- Number of workers completing sectoral job training programs: Not applicable data at this time.
- Number of people participating in summer youth employment programs:100



**EMPOWERMENT**CENTER



Civil Rights and Equity Engagement

**ID:** (67-Equity)

Funding Amount: \$500,000

Expenditure Category: 3.4: Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery

This proposal seeks to engage a team of consultants to evaluate Washoe County's program and services in the areas of limited English proficiency, unintended barriers to receive services and employment, Civil Rights Title VI and diversity training, and facility accessibility. An analysis of these areas and implementation plan for correction will allow Washoe County to better serve our community by improving equitable access to our programs, services, and facilities.

#### Use of Evidence and Performance Report

Washoe County Human Resources has issued a request for proposal to provide a comprehensive review of the County's compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. This is not evidence-based programming but will lead to great access for underserved communities.

Purchase of 1240 9th Street - Mental or Behavioral Health Facility

ID: (68-Acquisition of 1240 9th Street Property)

**Funding Amount: \$4,800,000** 

**Expenditure Category: 1.14: Other Public Health Services** 

This project will fund the purchase of real property at 1240 9th Street (formerly used by West Hills). The intended use of the building is the provision of behavioral health services and supports.by Washoe County and County related agencies.

<u>Use of Evidence and Performance Report</u>
Real property acquisition requirements were followed.



Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows Childcare Expansion

ID: (69-Boys and Girls Club Childcare)

**Funding Amount: \$1,500,000** 

Expenditure Category: 2.11: Healthy Childhood Environments: Child Care

Website: <a href="https://bgctm.org/">https://bgctm.org/</a>

Washoe County will award funding to the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows (BGCTM) to provide an additional 210 childcare spots in the community as part of a larger public-private partnership to expand childcare. A portion of these slots (100) will be held in reserve for five years, for Washoe County employees and foster parents, which will provide a critical resource to attract, retain, and stabilize employment and foster services in the County. The award will allow BGCTM to renovate and furnish the new space to provide childcare services.

<u>Use of Evidence & Performance Report</u> Healthy Childhood Environments (EC 2.11-2.14):

- Number of children served by childcare and early learning (pre-school/pre-K/ages 3- 5): 200.
- Number of families served by home visiting: None.





## Approved in July 2023

- South Valleys Regional Park
- Future of Work
- Sun Valley Bike Park
- Radiology Scanner
- Washoe Arts and Culture
- Green Recovery Plan
- Behavioral Health Crisis Response
- Cybersecurity Incident Response Plan
- Neuromodulation Treatment for STAR Participants
- Innovative Senior Programs
- Community and Clinical Health Services Remodel
- District Court Panic Buttons
- In-Car Mobile Wi-Fi for Officer Vehicles
- Mental Health Meeting Facilitation
- HOPES E. 4th St. Clinic
- Oddie Project
- Intensive Recruitment Program
- Ambulance Fleet
- Tahoe Micro Transit TART Connect
- Tahoe Lending Locals Program
- Our Place Onsite Visits
- Nevada Museum of Art Capital Campaign
- Residential Treatment
- Senior and Veteran Housing Rehabilitation
- Public Lands Clean Up and Education
- Entrepreneurial Ecosystem & Start-up Week
- Truckee River Corridor Improvements
- Incline Main Street Initiative
- Entrepreneur Literacy and Financing
- Children's Arts Programming
- Soulful Seeds Hoop Houses
- Envision Tahoe
- Annual Event Operation Support
- Tahoe Transportation District



# APPENDIX A: COMMUNITY OUTREACH PLAN

INITIALIZATION AND PRIORITIZATION AUGUST 2021 – SEPTEMBER 2021			
Approach	Fidelity	Modifications/Plans	
Collect feedback from WC staff and leadership regarding potential funding areas.	Round 1 of internal project funding included project proposals submitted by WC department leaders and was evaluated by WC leadership to	Round 2 of internal project funding will overlay project requests that align with ARPA-SLFRF eligible uses, BCC priorities, and were not funded in the County's annual budget cycle or capital improvement project selection.	
Establish community outreach survey and outreach channels	Survey completed by small number of community members. Received project proposals through the Community Grant process.	Work more with local media to cover stories on project success. Collection of success stories to be included on website/newsletter.	
Select software services for the collection, aggregation, and reporting of outreach efforts	Washoe County currently contracts with civic to provide subrecipient management services. All subgrants are maintained within the system.  Outreach is centralized on the Washoe County ARPA webpage	No additional software is being considered at this time.	
Establish how equity will be addressed in outreach and engagement activities.	Washoe County identified Qualified Census Tracts and regions with low access to broadband in the first phase of ARPA- SLFRF implementation. This informs the County of the pockets of disadvantaged community members.	Translation services are being considered for Washoe County webpages which will strengthen the opportunities for community members to be aware of the use of ARPA-SLFRF funds.	
Create engaging messaging and copy for website and collateral needs	Worked with Washoe County Communication to determine messaging around ARPA-SLFRF website, grant program, and identified communication challenges such as Community Advisory Boards, Nextdoor, and Facebook	Increasing public outreach in the form of quarterly newsletters and social media posts via Facebook, LinkedIn, and Nextdoor	
VALIDATE DIRECTION THROUGH OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT  September 2021 – December 2024			
Approach	Fidelity	Modifications/Plans	
Raise awareness about funding and gather input on needs at community meetings and events.	Sought strategic direction from Board of County Commissioners at Regional Strategic Planning meeting.	Additional public outreach should be conducted through Washoe County established Community Advisory Boards and in collaboration with regional partners.	



webpage.

Create content for distribution to promote survey release.  Design questions for community survey to validate key areas of need and inform desired program outcomes.	Creation of copy for survey.  Survey completed. Community Grant included project proposals which will increase understanding of high priority needs from community leaders.	No plans for additional community input surveys.  No plans for additional community input surveys.	
TRANSPARENCY AND REPORTING  August 2021 – December 2026			
Approach Ensure all Recovery Fund program owners have a clear understanding of program reporting requirements, processes, and deadlines	Fidelity  Washoe County has hired a small team within the Office of the County Manager to ensure federal grant compliance, reporting requirements, and deadlines for ARPA-SLFRF compliance and to deliver community outreach and reporting data.	Modifications/Plans One additional half FTE staff member will be hired to help with the administrative requirements of ensuring ARPA-SLFRF compliance and support community based nonprofit projects.	
Maintain awareness regarding program progress, expenditures, and outcomes directly to local media, stakeholder groups and other key community, regional and state partners.	Community Reinvestment Division established, to complete this requirement	Additional time dedicated to outreach and data visualizations will be possible once the initial lift of creating standard practices is complete.	
Establish a public-friendly, accessible way to learn about APRA-funding programs and projects that also includes a visualization of fund investments and progress	Washoe County APRA Website includes information:  - About ARPA - ARPA Projects and Dashboard - ARPA Reporting - Community Reinvestment Grant Program	Continue to proactively make website edits. Consider public presentations at community organizations or hosting a regional ARPA-SLFRF webinar update with the City of Reno and City of Sparks.	
Broadly distribute Treasury reports to local media, key stakeholder groups and make available on public-facing	Published on website immediately after submission to the Treasury department per grant requirements.	No modifications.	