



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *October 28, 2025*

DATE: Tuesday, October 28, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation, in accordance with the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Obligation Interim Final Rule to replace previously approved allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) in the amount of [\$139,690.17] for a project which has been unable to perform their scope of work. The replacement project is within the same scope and for the same purpose. Approve associated resolution and authorize the Interim County Manager to sign necessary award documents, for the award of [\$139,690.17] to the State of Nevada Department of Veterans Services, a government entity.

- Terminate subaward for [\$139,690.17] Nation's Finest – Veterans Services to support 1.5 Veteran Service Officer (VSO) positions to provide veterans with personalized assistance with applications and appeals for veterans' benefits.
- Replacement subaward \$139,690.17 to Nevada Department of Veterans Services – to support two Veteran Services Officers (VSO) positions to provide veterans with personalized assistance with applications and appeals for veterans' benefits.

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

SUMMARY

The staff report is largely administrative in nature to allow Finance to make the necessary cross-fund and/or cross-functional allocation adjustments, to inform the Board that the project, Nation's Finest, has been terminated. VSO Expansion and Support Program has been identified as the replacement and funds will be re-allocated to this project.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Fiscal Sustainability**PREVIOUS ACTION**

On September 17, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners approved the obligation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) in the amount of \$150,000.00 for Nation's Finest - Veterans Services to support Veteran Service Officer (VSO) positions.

For all Board of County Commissioner actions related to the American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds between July 20, 2021 through October 14, 2025, visit the [Washoe County ARPA webpage](#).

BACKGROUND

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act was signed into law, and established the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. Washoe County has been awarded a grant of \$91,587,038 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF). The SLFRF provides a substantial infusion of resources to help turn the tide on the pandemic, address its economic fallout, and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery.

On September 17, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners approved a subgrant award in the amount of \$150,000 to Nation's Finest, for the primary purpose of providing Veteran Service Officers (VSO) to provide comprehensive veteran benefits screenings and assistance with applications. Nation's Finest is no longer able to complete the original scope of work, due to the loss of their VSO, and challenges hiring the required VSO personnel. This agreement is recommended for termination.

Washoe County began working with the Nevada Department of Veterans Services to ensure that the SLFRF funding could be utilized for the same purpose and provide the original benefit to Washoe County veterans.

The SLFRF Obligation Interim Final Rule allows replacement contracts and subawards when the recipient determines that the contractor or subrecipient will not be able to perform under the contract or carry out the subaward. The scope of work for the replacement agreement between Washoe County and the Nevada Department of Veterans Services is substantially the same scope and for the same purpose as the subgrant to Nation's Finest entered into prior to December 31, 2024.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board approve the project termination/deobligation and replacement/re-allocation as submitted, the FY26 SLFRF COVID-19 Recovery Fund (Fund 270, Fund Center 270-8) budget will be adjusted with the following net-zero budget appropriation transfers and budget amendments:

Nation's Finest

Fund/Function	Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Increase/ (Decrease)
Revenue:			
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Welfare	IO12419 OCM – SLFRF-HSA Nations Finest	431100-Federal Grants	(\$139,690.17)
Expenditure:			
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Welfare	IO12419 OCM – SLFRF-HSA Nations Finest	710119 - Subrecipient Payments	(\$139,690.17)

Nevada Department of Veterans Services

Fund/Function	Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Increase/ (Decrease)
Revenue:			
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Welfare	IO12589 VSO Expansion and Support Program	431100-Federal Grants	\$139,690.17
Expenditure:			
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Welfare	IO12589 VSO Expansion and Support Program	710119 - Subrecipient Payments	\$139,690.17

RECOMMENDATION

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POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: *"move to replace previously approved allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) in the amount of [\$139,690.17] for a project which has been unable to perform their scope of work. The replacement project is within the same scope and for the same purpose. Approve associated resolution and authorize the Interim County Manager to sign necessary award documents, for the award of [\$139,690.17] to the State of Nevada Department of Veterans Services, a government entity.*

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