

Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Update

Washoe County Board of County Commissioners Meeting August 24, 2021

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Proposed Categories

\$91M total

Public Health – COV	ID Mitigation	Efforts
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- Prevention in congregate settings (detention facility, shelter, childcare facilities)
- Mobile vaccination clinic/command post
- UNR wastewater study

Negative Economic Impacts

- Aid to non-profit organizations
- Other economic support

Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities

- Homeless Services
- Affordable Housing Trust Fund
- Child Care

Infrastructure

- Sewer & Water projects
- Broadband

Administrative and Revenue Replacement

10-15%

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50+%

5-10%

Guiding Principles

One-time projects and infrastructure.



- Not used to escalate overhead expenses.
- Collaborate with regional partners where possible.
 - Projects that meet the following outcomes are ideal:
 - Transformational, innovative investments
 - Align with County Strategic Plan
 - Achieve equitable outcomes & serve underserved populations
 - Solve community issues by attacking root causes (childcare, mental health, affordable housing)

Initial Assessment – Key Areas of Need



- Address health disparities known to directly influence social inequities in health through programs that target populations with higher incidents of disease.
- 2. Promote healthy childhood environments with key partners in the community who deliver early learning and family support services
- **3.** Build stronger neighborhoods with initiatives that preserve and expand upon affordable housing options for low to mid-income level earners in our community.
- **4.** Focus on foundational investments into stormwater infrastructure and the expansion of broadband service into underserved locations.
- 5. Address the root causes of homelessness, to include collaborative solutions for mental health, substance abuse and identifying pathways to independent living.

Community Engagement

OBJECTIVES

- Gather input on priority needs in our community
- Increase constituent awareness regarding APRA-funded projects and programs through diverse and far-reaching communication channels.

APPROACH

- Public Outreach: Gather input through multi-lingual surveys distributed broadly across all communication channels.
- Internal Stakeholder Assessment: Gather input regarding pressing community areas of need and program readiness from WC Leadership Team.
- **External Stakeholder Outreach:** Topic-specific, small listening sessions and focus groups with stakeholders from the state, cities and community service-based organizations.
- **Regional Stakeholders Collaboration:** Topic-specific discussions with our regional partners.

Funds must be allocated by December 2024 and expended by December 2026



Washoe County's approach to allocating its funds will be collaborative with public and private sector partners. The process will leverage the expertise of both in providing transformational solutions before allocation of funding begins.

TIMELINE

Near-Term Next Steps

Implement Immediate Need Projects (already approved/active)-

- Nevada Cares Campus & Safe Camp \$8,500,000
- Well Care Services Reno to support Supportive Housing \$612,000
- Regional Homeless Services

Gather input on Priorities & Projects (September - October)

• Community Stakeholders & County Leaders

Identifying Projects (September – January)

- Internal Application process (eligibility application release early September)
- External/community process (public applications November)

Request State of Nevada ARPA funds (September/October)

- Coordinated regional ask
- Broadband per Nevada State Treasurer

Reporting / Status

• Interim Report

- Overview of Status and Uses of Funding
- Expenditures and obligations through July 31, by category
- August 31, 2021, one-time report

Recovery Plan Performance Report

• By August 31, 2021, and annually thereafter by July 31

Project & Expenditure Report

- Projects funded, expenditures, contracts & subawards \$50k or more
- October 31, 2021, then 30 days after end each quarter thereafter



