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STAFF REPORT

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DATE: Friday, September 09, 2022

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve allocations of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) for the following projects:

A. Recommendation to approve amended allocations of ARPA funds through the SLFRF for the following project:

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- for families dealing with court matters at the Second Judicial District Court.
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SUMMARY

Recommendation to approve additional allocation of American Rescue Plan Act funds through the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund in a total amount of \$2,042,703 and direct Comptroller's Office to make necessary budget adjustments as well as authorization to Human Resources, per Job Evaluation Committee (JEC) evaluation as applicable, to create two (2) full-time Mental Health Counselor II positions. This staff report provides summary information for the proposed ARPA-SLFRF projects. In accordance with NRS 244.1505, the Board of County Commissioners may grant public funds through resolution. The Board of County Commissioners approves all ARPA-SLFRF allocations over \$500,000.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities

PREVIOUS ACTION

On July 19, 2022, the BCC approved a subgrant of \$50,000 to Soulful Seeds, a nonprofit that operates the Our Place Garden.

On July 12, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners approved a subgrant of ARPA-SLFRF in the amount of \$350,000 to the Reno Housing Authority to support affordable housing projects in the region. This item was approved through Resolution 22-90.

On June 28, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners approved amended allocations of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) for the following projects:

1. WellCare Living Supports and Services Pilot Project in a total amount of \$1,255,200 (an increase of \$593,700 over the \$661,500 allocated and approved by the Board on December 14, 2021). This project provides for supportive housing for persons with developmental or intellectual disabilities or mental health conditions that impede their ability to live independently.
2. Kids Kottage Emergency Beds project in a total amount of \$1,043,000 (an increase of \$243,000 over the \$800,000 allocated and approved by the Board on December 14, 2021). This project funds care services for abused and neglected children in our community that have been removed from their homes.; and

Approved an allocation of American Rescue Plan Act funds through the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund for the following project:

1. Incline Village Access to Justice Project \$747,800. This project will fund renovations to the county owned Incline Community Center to house the Incline Justice Court, currently in leased space, and will improve security, and accessibility.

On May 24, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners approved allocations of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) for the following projects:

- Washoe County Sheriff's Office Security Upgrade - \$2,000,000
- Regional COVID-19 Wastewater Surveillance Research - \$504,258.66

- Wilbur D. May Museum (assistance for recovery of lost revenue due to closure on account of the COVID pandemic) - \$200,000
- Recruitment & Retention Incentive Program - \$150,000
- Washoe Wellness Center (an on-site fitness facility for use by county employees in connection with work) - \$48,000

On May 19, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners approved the subgrant of funds to the City of Sparks to support the Interlocal Agreement to fund a COVID-19 Wastewater Study and Monitoring project conducted by the University of Nevada, Reno for \$504,258.66. The BCC also approved funding for an additional five ARPA projects including \$2,000,000 for the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Touch Screens, \$200,000 for the May Museum Operations, \$150,000 for Washoe County Human Resources Employee Incentive and Retention Program, and \$51,252.42 for the Employee Wellness Center.

On May 10, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners approved amended allocations of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) for the following projects:

- Safe Camp Capital project in a total amount of \$4,693,132 (an increase of \$193,132 over the \$4,500,000 allocated and approved by the Board on July 20, 2021)
- Our Place Enhancements project in a total amount of \$926,477 (an increase of \$476,477 over the \$450,000 allocated and approved by the Board on December 14, 2021), and
- Our Place Community Garden Fencing project in a total amount of \$164,377 (an increase of \$34,377 over the \$130,000 allocated and approved by the Board on December 14, 2021),

For Board of County Commissioner actions related to the American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds prior to May 10, 2022 visit the [Washoe 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). On May 17, 2021, Washoe County received payment from the Department of Treasury in the amount of \$45,793,519, fifty percent of the award funds. The SLFRF provide 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.

Eligible Uses

As a recipient of an SLFRF award, Washoe County has substantial discretion to use the award funds in the ways that best suit the needs of county constituents – as long as such use fits into one of the following four statutory categories:

1. To respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impacts;

2. To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the recipient that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work;
3. For the provision of government services, to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such recipient due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the recipient prior to the emergency; or
4. To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

ARPA-SLFRF Project Amendment:

Northern Nevada Public Health			
Project #22	Mobile Outreach Vehicle/Command Post	\$490,000 Original Award	BCC Approved 12-14-21
Description:	A mobile outreach vehicle/command post will allow training and education to healthcare partners in the community, increasing NNPH'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 a 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 our underserved and vulnerable population. The Washoe County Health District will be able to provide targeted outreach, focusing on the following zip codes: 89431, 89436, 89501, 89502, and 89503. These codes are of high social vulnerability index.		
Positions:	None		
Requested Amendment	Mobile Outreach Vehicle/Command Post	\$85,498 Additional	Approval Recommended
Description:	Additional funding is requested due to the sole bid response come in over the original estimated amount allocated for the vehicle.		
Category:	1.14: Other Public Health Services		
		\$575,498 Total Project Costs	

ARPA-SLFRF New Projects:

Juvenile Services			
Project #34	Juvenile Services - Multisystemic Therapy (MST) Pilot Program for high-risk juvenile justice involved youth	\$661,924	Approval Recommended
Description:	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.		
Positions:	2 – FTE Mental Health Counselor II		
Positions will be full-time and funded from the SLFRF grant funding provided through the American Rescue Plan Act only for the period of 24 months. Ongoing funding beyond the grant award will need to be secured via the annual budget process through reallocation of existing budget or submission of an above base budget request for the appropriate fiscal year.			
Category:	2.26: Addressing Educational Disparities: Mental Health Services		
Second Judicial District Court			
Project #35	Family Peace Center	\$480,281	Approved (under \$500,000)
Description:	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 service, the non-custodial parents would not be safe to visit their child in an unsupervised setting.		
Positions:	None		
Category:	2.13: Healthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth or Families Involved in Child Welfare System		
Office of the County Manager			

Project #36	Elections Translation & County Website Accessibility	\$300,000	Approved (Under \$500,000)
Description:	The OCM, Communications Division will utilize funding to support Spanish language translation services for the upcoming general election including election webpages and a support to support a preliminary ADA accessibility assessment of the Washoe County website.		
Positions:	None		
Category:	3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery		
Human Services Agency – Senior Services			
Project #37	Soft Serve Machine	\$15,000	Approved (Under \$500,000)
Description:	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.		
Positions:	None		
Category:	3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery		

ARPA-SLFRF Subgrant Awards:

Sun Valley General Improvement District			
Project #38	Sun Valley Recreation Revitalization	\$250,000	Approval Recommended
Description:	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.		
Category:	2.22: Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety		
Palomino Valley General Improvement District			
Project #39	Palomino Valley Road Restoration	\$250,000	Approval Recommended
Description:	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.		
Category:	6.1 Provision of Government Services		

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board approve projects as submitted, the FY23 SLFRF COVID Recovery Fund (Fund 270, Fund Center 270-8) and Capital Projects Fund (Fund 402, Fund Center 402-0) budgets will be adjusted with the following cross-fund and cross-functional net-zero appropriation transfers:

Project #22: Mobile Outreach Vehicle/Command Post

Fund/Function	Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
	Revenue:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF COVID Recovery	431100-Federal Grants	(\$85,498)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Public Health	IO 19119 – OCM-SLFRF-HD-Mobile Vaccination Vehicle	431100-Federal Grants	\$85,498
	Expenditures/Transfers:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF COVID Recovery	710500-Other Expense	(\$85,498)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Public Health	IO 19119 – OCM-SLFRF-HD-Mobile Vaccination Vehicle	814092 Transfer to Public Works Construction	\$85,498
Capital Improvements Fund (402)/Public Health	PW 920600 – Health Mobile Outreach Vehicle-SLFRF-191	622270-Transfer from Other Restricted	\$85,498
Capital Improvements Fund (402)/Public Health	PW 920600 – Health Mobile Outreach Vehicle-SLFRF-191	781007-Vehicles Capital	\$85,498

Project #34: Juvenile Services – Multisystemic Therapy (MST) Pilot Program

Fund/Function	Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
	Revenue:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF COVID Recovery	431100-Federal Grants	(\$661,924)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Welfare	IO 12061 – OCM-SLFRF-Juvenile Services	431100-Federal Grants	\$661,924
	Expenditures/Transfers:		

Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF COVID Recovery	710500-Other Expense	(\$661,924)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Welfare	IO 12061 – OCM-SLFRF-Juvenile Services	701412-Salary Adjustment	\$415,817
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Welfare	IO 12061 – OCM-SLFRF-Juvenile Services	705360-Benefit Adjustment	\$178,207
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Welfare	IO 12061 – OCM-SLFRF-Juvenile Services	710500-Other Expense	\$67,900

Project #35: Family Peace Center

Fund/Function	Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
	Revenue:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF COVID Recovery	431100-Federal Grants	(\$480,281)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Judicial	IO 12062 – OCM-SLFRF-Peace Center	431100-Federal Grants	\$480,281
	Expenditures/Transfers:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF COVID Recovery	710500-Other Expense	(\$480,281)
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Project #36: Elections Translation & County Website Accessibility

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	Revenue:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF COVID Recovery	431100-Federal Grants	(\$300,000)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	IO 12057 OCM-SLFRF-COMMS	431100-Federal Grants	\$300,000
	Expenditures/Transfers:		

Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF COVID Recovery	710500-Other Expense	(\$300,000)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	IO 12057 – OCM-SLFRF-COMMS	710500-Other Expense	\$300,000

Project #37: Senior Services – Soft Serve Machine

Fund/Function	Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
	Revenue:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF COVID Recovery	431100-Federal Grants	(\$15,000)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Culture and Recreation	IO 12060 – OCM-SLFRF-Senior Services Ice Cream	431100-Federal Grants	\$15,000
	Expenditures/Transfers:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF COVID Recovery	710500-Other Expense	(\$15,000)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Culture and Recreation	IO 12060 – OCM-SLFRF-Senior Services Ice Cream	711504-Equipment Non-Capital	\$15,000

Project #38: Sun Valley GID Recreation Revitalization

Fund/Function	Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
	Revenue:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF - General Government	431100-Federal Grants	(\$250,000)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Culture & Recreation	IO-12049 OCM-SLFRF-SVGID	431100-Federal Grants	\$250,000
	Expenditures:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF - General Government	710500-Other Expense	(\$250,000)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Culture & Recreation	IO-12049 OCM-SLFRF-SVGID	710119-Subrecipient Payments	\$250,000

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Project #39: Palomino Valley GID Road Recreation

Fund/Function	Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
	Revenue:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF - General Government	431100-Federal Grants	(\$250,000)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Public Works	IO- 12053 OCM-SLFRF-PVGID	431100-Federal Grants	\$250,000
	Expenditures:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF - General Government	710500-Other Expense	(\$250,000)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Public Works	IO-12053 OCM-SLFRF-PVGID	710119-Subrecipient Payments	\$250,000

RECOMMENDATION

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POSSIBLE MOTION

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