



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *May 24, 2022*

DATE: Thursday, May 19, 2022

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to 1) accept Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) allocation from the City of Sparks in the amount of [\$704,408;], with a retroactive period from September 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, during which time all funds must be incurred and expended; 2) retroactively authorize the County Manager to sign sub-award document and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

Per the terms of *Amendment No. 2 And Extension of Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for Shelter Operation and Other Homeless Services Among the City of Reno, Washoe County and the City of Sparks*, City of Sparks has agreed to share regional costs associated with homelessness operations through June 30, 2022. As such, City of Sparks has chosen to pay their designated amount of \$704,408 for fiscal year 2022 operating expenses with their SLFRF funds.

The Washoe Board of County Commissioners must accept this sub-grant award and must approve amendments to the adopted fiscal year budget and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations:
Address homelessness with a regional approach.

AGENDA ITEM # _____

PREVIOUS ACTION

At a concurrent meeting held August 30, 2021, Amendment No. 2 and Extension of Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for Shelter Operation and Other Homeless Services Among the City of Reno, Washoe County and the City of Sparks was approved revising the roles and responsibilities of the entities, including transferring the administrative and financial responsibility for the operation of homeless shelters from City of Reno to Washoe County.

On August 25, 2021, the Board approved Amendment #5 to the Agreement for Professional Services between Washoe County and the Volunteers of America, Greater Sacramento and Northern Nevada to provide contracted staffing to operate the Cares Campus through June 30th, 2022, for an amount not to exceed \$6,783,767.64. This was executed upon approval of the Interlocal Agreement on Homelessness by the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners, the City of Reno, and the City of Sparks on September 1, 2021.

On January 13, 2021, direction was provided by the BCC to include pursuing an expanded role in addressing the regional issue of homelessness in the Strategic Plan.

On November 18, 2020 the parties entered into an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for Shelter Operation and Other Homeless Services Among The City of Reno, Washoe County and The City of Sparks which established duties, roles and responsibilities of the parties in regard to the provision of services to the homeless in the Cities and County, including agreeing to acquire and cost share three parcels on East 4th Street for the purpose of expanding shelter capacity in the region to assist people experiencing homelessness.

On June 25, 2019, the Board approved the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for Operation of the Community Assistance Center and Other Homeless Services Among the City of Reno, Washoe County and the City of Sparks.

BACKGROUND

The Nevada Cares Campus provides shelter to our region's most vulnerable residents experiencing homelessness. The low-barrier facility consists of a 604-bed emergency shelter and a 45-bed safe camp. The goal of the Nevada Cares Campus is to meet people who are currently experiencing homelessness where they are at and provide housing focused case management to move these clients to stable, independent housing as soon as possible. The campus offers basic hygienic services including restrooms, handwashing, showers, laundry, and trash disposal to both overnight and day-use participants.

Washoe County assumed oversight of the Nevada Cares Campus on September 1, 2021 as part Amendment No. 2 and Extension of Interlocal Cooperative Agreement. Amendment No. 2 and Extension of the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement established the jurisdictional cost sharing breakdown for the remainder of FY22. The agreed upon cost sharing breakdown was based on 2021 tax projections (adjusted for City of Sparks requested allocation) and recorded as follows:

Washoe County: 71.21% (\$11,130,946)

City of Reno: 24.28% (\$3,795,423)

City of Sparks: 4.51% (\$704,408)

From this stable location, engage sheltered residents in housing focused conversations, service referrals and housing placements.

GRANT AWARD SUMMARY

Project/Program Name: Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF)

Scope of the Project: Nevada Cares Campus Operations

Benefit to Washoe County Residents: These funds will provide critical support to regional homelessness operations.

On-Going Program Support: No ongoing support is provided past the term of this award.

Sub-Award Amount: \$704,408

Grant Period: September 1, 2021-June 30, 2022

Funding Source: U.S Department of the Treasury

Pass Through Entity: City of Sparks

CFDA Number: 21.027

Grant ID Number: ---

Match Amount and Type: NA

Sub-Awards and Contracts: No subawards. Contracts will be utilized to support operational needs of Cares Campus operations. Procurement will comply with 2CFR200 and SLFRF regulations.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the board accept this funding from the City of Sparks, the FY22 Homelessness adopted budget will be increased by \$704,408 in both revenues and expenditures in the following accounts:

Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
IO-12000 City of Sparks American Rescue Plan Act-SLFRF	431100-Federal Grants	\$704,408
IO-12000 City of Sparks American Rescue Plan Act-SLFRF	710500-Other Expense	\$704,408

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to 1) accept Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) allocation from the City of Sparks in the amount of [\$704,408;], with a retroactive period from September 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, during which time all funds must be incurred and expended; 2) retroactively authorize the County Manager to sign sub-award document and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: *"move to 1) accept Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) allocation from the City of Sparks in the amount of [\$704,408;], with a retroactive period from September 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, during which time all funds must be incurred and expended; 2) retroactively authorize the County Manager to sign sub-award document and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the necessary budget amendments.*