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## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE: June 28, 2022**

**DATE:** Thursday, June 23, 2022

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**SUBJECT:** A. Recommendation to approve 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:

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and come with extensive compliance and reporting requirements. Final allocations may vary from those proposed based on information developed during this item. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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### **SUMMARY**

Recommendation to approve 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 \$1,584,500 and direct Comptroller's Office to make necessary budget adjustments. This staff report provides summary information for the proposed ARPA- SLFRF projects. The Board of County Commissioners will approval all ARPA-SLFRF over \$500,000.

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

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

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 10, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners approved amended allocations of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through t 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),

On January 11,2022, the Washoe County Board of Commissioners approved subgrants of American Rescue Plan Act funds through the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, to the Children's Cabinet in the amount of \$100,000 and to The Great Reno Balloon Race in the amount of \$100,000.

On January 11, 2022, the Washoe County Board of Commissioners approved an amended allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) in a total amount of \$7,971,644 for the Cares Campus – Facilities Operations FY22 project to fund additional staff positions to support homeless shelter operations.

On December 14, 2021, the Washoe County Board of Commissioners approved allocation of American Rescue Plan Act funds through the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund in a total amount of \$40,201,764.00, to support 23 projects.

On July 20, 2021, the Washoe County Board of Commissioners accepted Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds allocation from the United States Department of the Treasury in the amount of [\$91,587,038; no county match], authorized the County Manager to sign award documents and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary budget amendments.

### **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 Urgent Need Projects:**

<b>Washoe County Human Services Agency</b>			
<b>Project #5</b>	WellCare Living Supports and Services Pilot Project	\$661,500	BCC Approved 12/14/21
Description:	This project provides for supportive housing for persons with developmental or intellectual disabilities or mental health conditions that impede their ability to live independently. The project includes access to comprehensive case management and continuum of care for those who would otherwise remain or become homeless due to medical, physical, intellectual, or mental health condition.		
Positions:	None		
Category:	Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons		

<b>Requested Amendment</b>	WellCare Living Supports and Services Pilot Project	\$593,700	Approval Recommended
Description:	Additional funding and extension of the project period, to the end of FY23 is requested. Continued support for this activity is needed for a second year due to the continued COVID related impact to this population and the need for a greater period for the collection of sufficient data on the needs of this population. Housing has been a large issue in recent years for many of the citizens in Washoe County. The housing instability has been exacerbated as a result of the pandemic and nearly all industries are experiencing staffing shortages and burnout, including within supportive housing and case management of high-need/high-intensity populations. HSA will utilize this extended project period to compile data on the long-term needs of this population to support our efforts in working with the State to establish a more permanent supportive housing presence across the community.		
Category:	Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons		
	WellCare 2 Year Pilot	\$1,255,200 Total Project Costs	

<b>Washoe County Human Services Agency</b>			
<b>Project #6</b>	Kids Kottage Emergency Beds FY22	\$800,000	BCC Approved 12/14/21
Description:	The operations of the Kids Kottage supports abused and neglected children in our 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 largest driver for the increased need of emergency beds is directly related to the closure of pediatric psychiatric units in the community because facilities report being unable to hire and retain staff to meet the strict staff to patient ratios for children. 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, due to impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.
Positions:	None
Category:	Services to Disproportionality Impacted Communities

<b>Requested Amendment</b>	Kids Kottage Emergency Beds	\$243,000	Approval Recommended
Description:	Additional funding and extension of the project period, to the end of FY23 is requested. Continued support for the activity is needed for a second year due to many of children still being disproportionately impacted by the longer-term hardships imposed by the pandemic such as lost wages in their home, staffing shortages in support programs, and lost access to community resources throughout the pandemic – including medical and mental health resources. Over the last year staffing shortage have worsened, leaving many of our children in more stressful situations than experienced prior to the pandemic. This is leading to unprecedented levels of caregiver burnout and having continued adverse effects on the availability of in-home foster care and in-home emergency foster care beds in the community. Furthermore, as emergency housing funds run out and the eviction moratorium lifts, we expect to just be on the cusp of the true volume of need with this population.		
Category:	Long-term Housing Security: Services for Unhoused Persons		
		\$1,043,000 Total Project Costs	

Incline Justice Court			
<b>Project #31</b>	Incline Justice Access Project	\$747,800	Approval Recommended
Description:	The Incline Justice Access Project will include renovations to the Incline Community Center, to house the court room, 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.		
Positions:	None		
Category:	Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery		

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the board approve projects as submitted, the FY22 SLFRF COVID Recovery Fund (Fund 270, Fund Center 270-8) and Capital Improvement Fund (Fund 402, Fund Center 402-101) budgets will be adjusted with the following cross-fund and cross-functional net-zero appropriation transfers:

**Project #5: WellCare Living Supports and Services Pilot Project**

<b>Fund/Function</b>	<b>Cost Object &amp; Description</b>	<b>G/L Account &amp; Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
	Revenue:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF COVID Recovery	431100-Federal Grants	(\$593,700)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Welfare	IO 11911 – OCM-SLFRF-Wellcare Pilot	431100-Federal Grants	\$593,700
	Expenditures/Transfers:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF COVID Recovery	710500-Other Expense	(\$593,700)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Welfare	IO 11911 – OCM-SLFRF-Wellcare Pilot	710734 – Residence Assistance	\$593,700

**Project #6: Kids Kottage Emergency Beds**

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	Revenue:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF COVID Recovery	431100-Federal Grants	(\$243,000)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Welfare	IO 11931 – OCM-SLFRF-KK Emergency	431100-Federal Grants	\$243,000
	Expenditures/Transfers:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF COVID Recovery	710500-Other Expense	(\$243,000)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Welfare	IO 11931 – OCM-SLFRF-KK Emergency	710701- Emergency Shelter Care	\$243,000

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	Revenue:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF COVID Recovery	431100-Federal Grants	(\$747,800)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Judicial	IO 19127 – OCM-SLFRF-Incline Justice Court	431100-Federal Grants	\$747,800
	Expenditures/Transfers:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF COVID Recovery	710500-Other Expense	(\$747,800)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Judicial	IO 19127 – OCM-SLFRF-Incline Justice Court	814092-Transfer to Public Works Construction	\$747,800
Capital Improvements Fund (402)/Judicial	PW920370 – Incline Village Justice Court ICC Renovations-SLFRF	781080-Construction Contracts	\$747,800
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### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

- A. Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: *"move to approve* 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:
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