



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *April 23, 2024*

DATE: Wednesday April 17, 2024

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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

- a. Emergency Eviction Prevention Program of Nevada (EEPPN) for (\$200,000), to assist 200-250 households at risk of homelessness over the next 12 months through housing stabilization advisory and resource navigation, preservation of rental history, and preservation of relationships between landlords and tenants.

Recommendation to approve an increased allocation to the previously approved project:

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The total amount of increased allocations is \$726,696. If approved, direct the Comptroller's Office to make necessary net zero cross-fund and/or cross-functional budget appropriation transfers. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

AGENDA ITEM # _____

SUMMARY

The report requests approval of one new external project, the Emergency Eviction Prevention Program (\$200,000) to assist 200-250 households at risk of homelessness over the next 12 months. The report also includes two amendments of previously approved ARPA-SLFRF projects including renovations of the 9th Street Senior Center auditorium (\$200,000), and additional funding for the Behavioral Health Crisis Response Plan (\$326,696).

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Fiscal Sustainability, Economic Impacts, Vulnerable Populations, and Innovative Services

PREVIOUS ACTION

On March 19, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners approved additional allocations in the amount of \$303,197; to the following new projects, Human Services Agency GenArete Pilot Program (\$49,500), which will utilize a dynamic tool to create high quality, individualized learning plans for children with developmental disabilities; Permanent Supportive Housing – Supportive Services Needs Assessment (\$28,000), which will provide funds to conduct a comprehensive needs assessment for supportive services in Northern Nevada; and approved an increased allocation to the previously approved project: for the District Attorney’s Office – Court Case Backlog Personnel Workstations by \$225,697 for a total of \$616,429 to cover fire and seismic requirements as well as increased construction costs.

On December 13, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners approved an allocation in the amount of \$2,423,414 to the District Attorney’s Office to reduce the court backlog by hiring attorneys, investigators and support staff whose sole focus will be to close these cases. Funding includes workstations for grant funded staff, and related facility improvements (\$390,732).

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 November 28, 2023, 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 was awarded a grant of \$91,587,038 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF).

New ARPA-Funded Projects

Be Who You Needed			
	Emergency Eviction Prevention Program	\$200,000	Recommend Approval
Description:	Eviction Prevention advisory services directly intercepts the household's eviction process giving the ability to divert from the eviction process that could lead to homelessness. Housing Stabilization Advisory and Resource Navigation allows the tenant to be armed with more tools to not only address the immediate housing crisis but also gives the best optimal chance for housing stabilization long-term.		
Category	2.18 Housing Support: Other Housing Assistance		

Amendments

Human Services Agency			
	Senior Innovations Project – Auditorium Renovations	\$100,000 (original)	Approved 07-06-2023
Description:	Funding will be used to improve the quality of life for county senior residents and to address the needs of vulnerable seniors		
Amendment	Additional Funding for Facility Improvements	\$200,000	Approved (under \$500,000)
Description	Additional funding is being requested for facility improvements and to assist with additional activities for seniors throughout the county.		
	Total Project Costs	\$300,000	
Office of the County Manager			
	Behavioral Health Crisis Response Plan	\$125,000 (original)	Approved 07-06-2023
Description:	Funding will be used to support Washoe County's Behavioral Health Crisis Response Plan implementation. A coalition of community partners continues to work to implement the Crisis Response Plan which will improve response for individuals, youth, and families experiencing a behavioral health crisis. When fully established, the crisis response system will include a fully functional 988 crisis call hub (somewhere to call), mobile crisis teams (someone to come to you), and a crisis stabilization center (somewhere to go), along with enhanced supports for children and families in crisis. Additionally, the award will support the implementation of a Washoe County Behavioral Health Summit. The local summit follows a State Behavioral Health Summit held in fall 2022 and will convene the behavioral health treatment and prevention community to identify best practices and strategies to address behavioral health needs in the community.		
Amendment	Additional funding to support implementation of behavioral health efforts.	\$326,696	Recommend Approval

Description	Additional funding is being identified to support the facilitation of strategic planning and implementation of a sequential intercept model (SIM) in Washoe County and implementation and transition for the behavioral health crisis response system project management to Washoe County.	
	Total Project Costs	\$451,696

FISCAL IMPACT

The total fiscal impact of these allocations is \$726,696. Ongoing maintenance and operation costs past the allocation period 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.

Should the board approve the projects as submitted, the FY24 ARPA SLFRF COVID-19 Recovery (Fund 270, Fund Center 270-8) and CIP SLFRF Projects (Fund 402, Fund Center 402-10) budgets will be adjusted with the following cross-fund and/or cross-functional net-zero appropriation transfers:

Emergency Eviction Prevention Program:

Fund/Function	Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
	Revenue:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ General Gov	CC 270800 – SLFRF - General Government	431100-Federal Grants	(\$200,000)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ Welfare	IO 12359	431100-Federal Grants	\$200,000
	Expenditures:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ General Gov	CC 270800 – SLFRF - General Government	710100 – Professional Services	(\$200,000)
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Behavioral Health Crisis Response:

Fund/Function	Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
	Revenue:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ General Gov	CC 270800 – SLFRF - General Government	431100-Federal Grants	(\$326,696)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ Welfare	IO 12215 WCHD-Crisis Stabilization	431100-Federal Grants	\$326,696
	Expenditures:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ General Gov	CC 270800 – SLFRF - General Government	710100 – Professional Services	(\$326,696)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ Welfare	IO 12215 WCHD-Crisis Stabilization	710100 – Professional Services	\$326,696

Senior Programs:

Fund/Function	Cost Object & Description	G/L Account & Description	Amount
	Revenue:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ General Gov	CC 270800 – SLFRF - General Government	431100-Federal Grants	(\$200,000)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ Welfare	IO12217 HSA-Senior Programs	431100-Federal Grants	\$200,000
	Expenditures:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ General Gov	CC 270800 – SLFRF - General Government	710500 – Other	(\$200,000)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ Welfare	IO12217 HSA-Senior Programs	710500 – Other	\$200,000

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POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff’s recommendation, a possible motion would be: *“move to recommend to approve allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) for the following projects:*

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