



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE: June 25, 2024**

**DATE:** Thursday, June 20, 2024

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to modify prior approved 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 project:

Second Judicial District Court - Family Peace Center – Project #35, approved September 13, 2022, for a total amount of \$480,281. The Family Peace Center provides access to supervised visitation and exchange services for families dealing with court matters at the Second Judicial District Court.

And, if approved, authorize Human Resources, to modify existing Family Peace Center Coordinator position #70000126 currently funded part-time at 1092 (.5250 FTE) hours to funded to full-time for 2080 hours (1.0 FTE) per a year effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026. This represents an estimated annual increase of \$68,939 over the \$76,195 that was already approved for this purpose (net-zero impact, no additional funding is requested).

(All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

**AGENDA ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_**

## **SUMMARY**

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

## **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On September 13, 2022, the BCC approved numerous ARPA and SLFRF projects including this project #35 for the Second Judicial District Court, Family Peace Center.

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 April 23, 2024, 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 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.

<b>Second Judicial District Court</b>			
<b>Project #35</b>	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		
Amendment	Budget revision to support staff costs	No additional funds	Approved (under \$500,000)
Description	Budget revision to move funding from existing contractual category - security to staffing costs to support the growing complexity and tasks for the Coordinator position.		
Positions:	One existing Family Peace Center Coordinator position #70000126 currently funded part-time (under General Fund) at 1092 (.5250 FTE) hours to full-time for 2080 hours (1.0 FTE) per a year effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026. Additional hours to be funded by SLFRF.		

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is a net-zero fiscal impact to this revision as the project was fully budgeted at \$480,281 when approved by the Board September 13,2022

**RECOMMENDATION**

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**POSSIBLE MOTION**

*Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "move to approve modification of prior approved 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 project:*

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