



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** July 20, 2021

**DATE:** Thursday, July 15, 2021

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**THROUGH:** Eric P. Brown, County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation that the Board of County Commissioners acknowledge receipt of the Report of Washoe County Local Government Coronavirus Relief Fund Expenditures of \$20,254,818 from funds allocated to Washoe County from the State of Nevada Governor's Finance Office for costs necessitated by the COVID-19 public health emergency for the period of March 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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### SUMMARY

This report provides a summary of Washoe County's Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) expenditures incurred under the CARES Act funding allocation of federal assistance through the State of Nevada, Governor's Finance Office, in the amount of \$20,254,818. The report includes actual expenditures incurred through June 30, 2021 as reported to the State, and approved expenditures currently in process for the total amount of \$20,254,818 allocated.

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Fiscal Sustainability

### PREVIOUS ACTION

On August 4, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners accepted a federal assistance of Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) allocation from the State of Nevada Governor's Finance Office in the amount of \$20,254,818; no county match, retroactive from March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020.

On October 15, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners received a presentation from County Manager Brown on the Overview of Washoe County CARES Funding previously presented to the Subcommittee to Review and Advise on Corona Virus Federal Aid.

On December 15, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners received the Preliminary Report of Washoe County Local Government Coronavirus Relief Fund Expenditures for the period of March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020.

### BACKGROUND

Under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the "CARES Act"), the Coronavirus Relief Fund ("Fund") may be used to reimburse local governments in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The federal awarding agency is the U.S. Department of Treasury. The Inspector General of the United States Department of the Treasury ("Treasury")

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conducts monitoring and oversight of the receipt, disbursement and use of these funds. The CARES Act authorized \$150 billion through the Fund for state and local governments, including \$1.25 billion for Nevada.

A part of the State's total allotment was reserved for local governments with a population of more than 500,000. As a result, the City of Las Vegas and Clark County elected to receive direct allocations from the Treasury. The State of Nevada received the remaining \$836 million from the Fund, of which \$148.5 million was allocated to counties and incorporated cities outside of Clark County with populations of less than 500,000. In total, our region received an allocation of \$86,109,092, which was distributed as follows:

Washoe County	\$20,254,818
City of Reno	\$46,678,013
City of Sparks	\$19,176,261

To be eligible for funding from the CARES Act, the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) expenditures must have been necessary due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19, and incurred during the period beginning March 1, 2020, through December 31, 2021. Costs included in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 (the date of enactment of the CARES Act) for the State or government and revenue losses were not eligible for funding.

The deadline for expending CARES funding allocation was extended from December 30, 2020 to December 31, 2021. The State of Nevada, Governor's Finance Office has informed the County that the total allocation of CARES funding and final report must be submitted to the State by October 5, 2021.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact in accepting this report. The following table summarizes the Report of Washoe County Local Government Coronavirus Relief Fund Expenditures for the period of March 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. The detailed report is attached.

<b>Expenditures by Eligibility Category</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Public Health Expenses	\$ 1,877,488
Personal Protective Equipment	1,395,820
COVID-19 Testing and Contact Tracing	581,756
Payroll for Public Employees Dedicated to COVID-19	10,600,855
Expenses to Facilitate COVID-19 Measures	3,177,829
Economic Support - Small Business, Housing & Food Assistance	1,007,260
Administration Expenses	22,398
Total Expended	\$ 18,663,406
<b>Approved expenditures in process:</b>	
Public Health Expenses	1,435,217
COVID-19 Testing and Contact Tracing	156,195
Total Expenditures in Process	1,591,412
<b>Grand Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 20,254,818</b>

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners acknowledge receipt of the Report of Washoe County Local Government Coronavirus Relief Fund Expenditures of \$20,254,818 from funds allocated to Washoe County from the State of Nevada Governor's Finance Office for costs necessitated by the COVID-19 public health emergency for the period of March 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be:  
*"move to Recommendation to acknowledge receipt of the Report of Washoe County Local Government Coronavirus Relief Fund Expenditures of \$20,254,818 from funds allocated to Washoe County from the State of Nevada Governor's Finance Office for costs necessitated by the COVID-19 public health emergency for the period of March 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021."*