



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: *May 28, 2024*

DATE: Friday, May 17, 2024
TO: Board of County Commissioners
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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve a resolution necessary for the allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) for the Emergency Eviction Prevention Program of Nevada (EEPPN) for (\$200,000), to assist 300-320 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 and authorize the County Manager to sign necessary award documents.

This sub-grant award was previously approved by the Board of County Commissioners on April 23, 2024, and requires a Resolution to complete the award process. The total amount of this subaward is \$200,000. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.) **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

SUMMARY

The report requests approval of one new external project, the Emergency Eviction Prevention Program (\$200,000) to assist 300-320 households at risk of homelessness over the next 12 months. This sub-grant award was previously approved by the Board of County Commissioners on April 23, 2024, and requires a Resolution to complete the award process.

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

PREVIOUS ACTION

On April 23, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners approved additional allocations in the amount of \$326,696 for a total amended award of \$451,696 to the following existing projects amendments: Behavioral Health Crisis Response plan; to support a coalition of community partners and 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. This sub-grant award was

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previously approved by the Board of County Commissioners on April 23, 2024, and requires a Resolution to complete the award process.

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.

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

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	Emergency Eviction Prevention Program	\$200,000	Recommend Approval by Resolution
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. The target for this project is to intercept 300-320 at-risk households who are experiencing housing instability through identification of issues and provision of case management, and possible referral pathways, rental assistance. Housing Stabilization Advisory and Resource Navigation will allow the tenant to be provided with support and resources 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		

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the Board approve this resolution, sufficient FY24 budget authority exists in Internal Order 12359 (Emergency Evictions) GL Account 710100 (Professional Services) as approved by the Board April 23, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to approve a resolution necessary for the allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) for the Emergency Eviction Prevention Program of Nevada (EEPPN) for (\$200,000), to assist 300-320 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 and authorize the County Manager to sign necessary award documents.

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POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: *“move to recommend to approve a resolution necessary for the allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) for the Emergency Eviction Prevention Program of Nevada (EEPPN) for (\$200,000), to assist 300-320 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 and authorize the County Manager to sign necessary award documents.*

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