



# WASHOE COUNTY

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## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** *December 17, 2024*

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**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) in the total amount of [\$4,712,292.47], to the following six projects and authorize the County Manager to sign necessary award documents:

1. Washoe Behavioral Health Center (formerly West Hills) Facility Upgrades – Office of the County Manager, in the amount of \$3,218,285.47, to support renovations to the facility at 1240 East 9th Street, Reno, to upgrade the facility to meet operational, programmatic and licensing requirements.
2. Grant Proposal - Infrastructure – Office of the County Manager, in the amount of \$100,000 to support consultant services to write grants and other services necessary to develop competitive proposals to access federal funding opportunities for infrastructure projects.

Recommendation to approve an increased allocation to these previously approved projects:

3. Increase funding for the Human Services Agency GenArete Pilot Program, by \$50,000, which will utilize a dynamic tool to create high quality, individualized learning plans for children with developmental disabilities; and
4. Increase funding for the Future of Work initiative for the Community Services Department in the amount of \$494,007 to fund capital project improvements. The future of work projects

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And, if approved, direct Finance to make necessary net zero cross-fund and/or cross-functional budget appropriation transfers. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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## **SUMMARY**

Washoe County has worked to identify community-based initiatives and regional programs to support community members in recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The six projects named in this report represent a \$4,712,292.47 investment in behavioral health, infrastructure, services for youth in the child welfare system, and housing security in Washoe County. Projects were selected in accordance with Washoe County strategic goals and objectives, Board ARPA-SLFRF Guiding Principles, and ARPA-SLFRF eligibility. The Board of County Commissioners have authority to approve new ARPA projects over \$500,000 and approve sub-granting of funds to nonprofit organizations and governmental entities in accordance with NRS 244.1505.

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

## **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On December 10, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners heard recommendations and took action on recommendations to approve the following: \$1,219,519 of allocations of SLFRF, Golden Eagle/Spanish Springs Shooting Range – Office of the County Manager, in the amount of \$80,000. The Center for Nonprofit Business - Nonprofit Capacity Building, in the amount of \$50,000. Nevada Humane Society - Community Spay & Neuter Project, in the amount of \$600,000, Options Veterinary Care - Access to Spay/Neuter Services for Washoe County Residents, in the amount of \$200,000, Gerlach General Improvement District, Facility Improvement Projects, in the amount of \$162,932, and Two Hearts Community Development – Supportive Service Planning in the amount of \$14,333.

On September 17, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners approved \$1,505,000 in additional SLFRF funding to the following projects: Nation’s Finest - Veterans Services \$150,000; Sun Valley General Improvement District \$60,000; Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe – Gerlach Fire Services \$200,000; Public Defenders Paralegal Program \$80,000; Rancho San Rafael Community Events Space Phase I, \$1,000,000; Washoe County HR Recruitment Incentive \$15,000.

On September 17, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners re-approved \$3,197,000 in SLFRF funding to the following projects: Tenancy Support Program \$790,000; Sheriff Office Staffing Study \$89,900; Community Art and Washoe Artrail \$200,000; Seven Magic Mountains \$500,000; Communities in Schools \$238,000; Notables Accessibility \$305,000; Courage House \$250,000; Truckee River Rangers \$200,000; Northern Nevada Literacy Council \$100,000; Rebuilding Together Northern Nevada \$75,000; Family Respite Care of Nevada \$50,000; Tahoe Area Regional Transportation \$400,000.

On August 22, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners (1) Approved the purchase and sale between Washoe County and BHC Health Services of Nevada, Inc. a Nevada Corporation for the property commonly known as the West Hills Hospital located at 1240 East 9th Street, Reno, Nevada (APN 008-171-38) (an approximate 3.43 acres portion of the overall 4.69 acre site) as authorized in Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 244.275 for \$4,800,000.00.

On August 20, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners approved \$3,197,900 in additional funding allocations to six new projects and six project amendments: Tenancy Support Program providing case management for tenancy support and a shallow rental subsidy, in the amount of \$790,000; Sheriff Office Staffing Study - Staffing study designed to determine the staffing levels needed to create a safe facility, in the amount of \$89,900; Community Art and Washoe Artrail in support of a Washoe Artrail digital application and the Gerlach trailhead art, in the amount of \$200,000; Seven Magic Mountains – Relocation and Install, to support the relocation of the Seven Magic Mountains, in the amount of \$500,000; Communities in Schools, in support of the expansion of the CIS program into four middle schools, in the amount of \$238,000; Notables Accessibility, to improve accessibility in their facility, in the amount of \$305,000; Courage House, to support purchase of a property in Washoe County where services will be provided to victims of sex trafficking in the amount of \$250,000;

Truckee River Rangers, to expand the consistency of patrols, programming, and citizen engagement along the Truckee River Corridor in the amount of \$200,000; Northern Nevada Literacy Council, to support the continuation of the work of providing literacy programs and career, in the amount of \$100,000; Rebuilding Together Northern Nevada, to support 20 households to be pre-qualified with home repairs and a site feasibility project in Gerlach, in the amount of \$75,000; Family Respite Care of Nevada, supporting children residing in Washoe County who are in foster or post-adoption care, in the amount of \$50,000; Tahoe Area Regional Transportation, in support of another year of improving alternative transportation options compared to personal vehicles and reducing congestion and improve traffic flow by reducing vehicles on the road, in the amount of \$400,000.

On June 25, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners approved a modification to an existing project titled Second Judicial District Court – Family Peace Center changing the Family Peace Center Coordinator position which was funded part-time to a full-time position. This resulted in a net-zero impact.

On May 28, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners approved the subaward with resolution for a newly funded ARPA project for the Emergency Eviction Prevention Program of Nevada (EEPPN) for \$200,000 to assist 300-320 households at risk of homelessness through housing stabilization advisory and resource navigation, preservation of rental history and preservation of relationships between landlords and tenants.

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.

On March 23, 2024 the Board of County Commissioners accepted Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds subgrant award from the State of Nevada, for the West Hills Facility Rehabilitation, in the amount of [\$14,500,000; no county match], all funds must be expended by July 31, 2026.

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 20, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners approved the allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) for the purchase of the Real Property at 1240 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street Reno NV (formerly West Hills), in the amount of \$4,800,000 for the purpose of Washoe County use to provide behavioral health services.

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 July 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. The passage of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in 2021 provided a lifeline for local governments through its State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program, which awarded every municipality a portion of \$65.1 billion in funding. Washoe County was awarded a grant of \$91,587,038 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF). Under the SLFRF program, recipients must obligate all award funds by December 31, 2024, and expend all funds by December 31, 2026.

The statute requires that SLFRF funds may only be used to cover costs incurred by December 31, 2024. Treasury implemented this requirement by providing that a cost is considered incurred by December 31, 2024, if a recipient has incurred an **obligation** with respect to the cost by December 31, 2024. Under the rule adopted in 2021, an “obligation” means an order placed for property and services and entering into contracts, subawards, and similar transactions that require payment.

The [US Code of Federal Regulations](#) defines “obligation” as “an order placed for property and services and entering into contracts, subawards, and similar transactions that require payment.” The U.S. Treasury has further clarified that “similar transactions that require payment” may include certain [interagency agreements](#) and, under certain circumstances, payroll expenses for recipients’ employees. Consequently, municipalities must do more than budget their SLFRF dollars they must allow extra time to place orders and negotiate contracts. Finalizing obligations, including funds used for revenue replacement, includes reporting the obligation through the normal reporting process.

Treasury considers an interagency agreement, including an agreement in the form of a memorandum of understanding (MOU), to constitute a “transaction requiring payment” similar to a contract or subaward and therefore an obligation for purposes of the SLFRF rule, if the agreement satisfies one of the following conditions:

- it imposes conditions on the use of funds by the agency, department, or part of government receiving funds to carry out the program;
- it governs the provision of funds from one agency, department, or part of government to another to carry out an eligible use of SLFRF funds; or
- it governs the procurement of goods or services by one agency, department, or part of government from another and the agreement also satisfies each of the following conditions:

- it sets forth specific requirements, such as a scope of work and project deliverables;
- it is signed by the parties to the agreement, or otherwise evidences that each party has assented to the agreement; and
- it does not disclaim any binding effect or state that it does not create rights or obligations.

ARPA regulations require local governments to return grant funding that remains unobligated beyond the end-of-year deadline December 31, 2024. Local governments must obligate funding or risk potential clawbacks of these funds.

With the Board of County Commissioners approval for the final recommended SLFRF allocations of the remaining \$4,712,292.47 and subsequent MOUs for these projects; Washoe County’s \$91,587,038 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds will be fully obligated. These obligations include contracts, subgrant agreements, and Memorandum of Understandings for project being implemented through Washoe County.

In general, recipients cannot re-obligate funds or obligate additional SLFRF funds after the obligation deadline of December 31, 2024. However, if a contract entered into by December 31, 2024, expressly provides for change orders or contract contingencies, the recipient may use SLFRF funds to cover increased costs attributable to such change orders or contract contingencies. Such increased costs are not considered new obligations but are instead attributable to a preexisting obligation to accommodate the change or contingency.

Additionally, recipients may cover the cost of amendments to contracts if the amended contract is within substantially the same scope and for substantially the same purpose as the contract that was incurred by December 31, 2024. This flexibility is consistent with recipients’ ability to terminate a contract for convenience and to use SLFRF funds for costs associated with change orders and contingencies that are contemplated by their contracts and subawards.

**NEW ARPA-SLFRF FUNDED PROJECTS**

<b>Office of the County Manager</b>			
	Washoe Behavioral Health Center – Facility Upgrade	Amount \$3,218,285.47	Approval Recommended
Description:	<p>The Washoe Behavioral Health Center was purchased by Washoe County with \$4,800,000 of Washoe County SLFRF funds. On March 23, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners accepted a Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund subgrant award from the State of Nevada, for the West Hills Facility Rehabilitation, in the amount of \$14,500,000 to support the renovation of the facility.</p> <p>This additional \$3,218,285.47 will be used to upgrade the facility to meet required standards for the programmatic and</p>		

	licensing requirement for the behavioral health services planned for the facility.
Category:	6.1 Revenue Replacement

<b>Office of the County Manager</b>			
	Grant Proposal– Infrastructure	Amount \$100,000	Approval Recommended
Description:	Grant Proposal - Infrastructure – Office of the County Manager, in the amount of \$100,000 will support consultant services to write grants and other services necessary to develop competitive proposals to access federal funding opportunities, for infrastructure over the next two years.		
Category:	6.1 Revenue Replacement		

<b>Human Services Agency</b>			
	GenArete Pilot	Amount \$49,500 (original)	Approved March 19, 2024
Description:	This pilot program utilizes the GenArete tool to create high quality, individualized learning plans for children with developmental disabilities. Rather than focusing on what the child cannot do, this assessment identifies what the child can do and uses that information to develop a learning plan to help jump start skill development. For this pilot program, the Human Services Agency will contract with High Sierra Industries to implement GenArete, focusing on a small, targeted group of high needs young people who have been or currently are involved in Washoe County’s child welfare system.		
Amendment #1	GenArete Pilot Expansion	Amount \$50,000	Approval Recommended
Description:	The original pilot resulted in successful outcomes. This increased funding for the Human Services Agency GenArete Pilot Program, by \$50,000, will be utilized to provide the strength assessment and skills training to additional youth who have been or currently are involved in Washoe County’s child welfare system.		
		<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$99,500</b>

<b>Community Services Department</b>			
	Future of Work	\$2,000,000 (original)	Approved 7/11/2023
Description:	<p>Future of Work Initiative considers how Washoe County delivers its services to the public and how it can leverage more efficient tools and resources to provide a more effective customer experience. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, Washoe County has embraced alternative work environments, new technologies, and streamlined resources. This funding would support the reconfiguration of the County Complex (1001 E. Ninth Street) to centralize offices that interact directly with the public into one area so that individuals from the public can find their needed service more efficiently.</p>		
Category:	3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery		
Amendment #1	Future of Work – Expansion	\$494,007	Approval Recommended
Description:	<p>The future of work projects emphasizes the reduction of the space footprint at the 9th Street office complex to align with the "Office of the Future" concept. This involves incorporating technology to support hybrid work environments, which allows for a more collegial and flexible workspace. Phase one of the plan is to renovate 230 Edison Way as the model office of the future conceptual workspace to maximize space utilization by employing revised space standards. The project includes significant construction work at 230 Edison to remove all existing office walls, electrical, lighting, ceiling, data and finishes and rebuild back to new county standard for these items. The project also includes a full furniture package to maintain the needs of the department as well as meet the new office of the future standards for the hybrid work model and collaboration. This move will enable the consolidation of other county functions at the 9th Street County Complex location as the second phase of work focusing on the employee. This overall approach not only optimizes the use of existing space but also reduces the need for new construction, thereby saving costs.</p> <p>The second phase proposes the establishment of a technology-capable Training Center and virtual meeting facilities in Building C at 9th Street, to support off-site and hybrid staff participation. This facility will be available for use by all county departments, facilitating training and meetings without the need for physical presence, thus supporting the hybrid work model. This phase includes updates to the central restroom facilities in Building C to further the County inclusionary practices and goals. The deobligated \$150,000 from the HR County-wide Civil Rights and Equity Engagement project are included in this increased amount to specifically provide funding for the central restroom facilities in Building C.</p>		



	<p>Additionally, the feasibility of developing a Central Public Counter is being evaluated to improve service levels and improve employee safety, which would centralize customer interactions and potentially reduce the need for multiple service points for the community.</p> <p>The increase in funding is needed because bids have come in over the estimated amount, and the incorporation of needed facility improvements unknown at the initiation of this project.</p>
	<b>Total Project Costs</b> <b>\$2,494,007</b>

<b>Human Services Agency – Senior Services</b>			
	Senior Innovations Project	\$100,000 (original)	Approved 7/11/2023
Description:	Funding will be used to improve the quality of life for county senior residents and to address the needs of vulnerable seniors.		
Amendment #1	Renovations 9 <sup>th</sup> Street Senior Ctr. Improvements	\$200,000	Approved 3/23/24
Description:	Additional funding will be used for facility improvements at the 9 <sup>th</sup> Street Senior Center to replace the ceiling and the stage in the Senior Center Auditorium, and to assist with additional activities for seniors throughout the county.		
Amendment #2	Senior Innovations – Mobile Kitchen & Facility Upgrades	Amount \$100,000	Approval Recommended
Description:	Increased funding for Senior Innovations project by \$100,000 to fund the lease costs and site preparation for a temporary kitchen and for a temporary Meals on Wheels food preparation and food distribution modular for three months, and for furniture for senior programs.		
		<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>

<b>Human Services Agency – Housing and Homeless Services</b>			
	Tenancy Support Program	\$790,000 (original)	Approved 8/20/2024
Description:	This program will provide case management for tenancy support and shallow rental subsidies to move people into independent housing and keep them stably housed until their name comes up on the Housing Authority Assistance wait list freeing up capacity the in the shelters. Clients will pay 30% of their income until they transfer to a Housing Authority program. The grant funds will pay for contracted/temporary case management staff and pay shallow rental subsidies for individuals on fixed-extremely low incomes to enable unhoused persons to be housed. This program will provide significant cost savings to the community by keeping clients stably housed and out of the shelter, criminal justice and emergency medical systems.		
Amendment #1	Tenancy Support Program - Expansion	\$750,000	Approval Recommended
Description:	Expand the Tenancy Support Program to clients with low income at or under 30% to 60% Area Median Income (LMI). The additional funds will be dedicated to supporting the rental subsidies of individuals with incomes below 60% LMI. All case management and administrative costs have been budgeted into the original grant award of \$790,000.		
	<b>Total Project Costs</b>		<b>\$1,540,000</b>

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The total fiscal impact of this allocation is \$4,712,292.47. Should the Board approve these projects as submitted, the FY25 ARPA SLFRF COVID-19 Recovery Fund (Fund 270, Fund Center 270-8) and CIP SLFRF Capital Projects Fund (Fund 402, Fund Center 402-10) budgets will be adjusted with the following cross-fund and/or cross-functional net-zero appropriation transfers:

**Washoe Behavioral Health Center – Facility Upgrade**

<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	(\$3,218,285.47)
Other Restricted Fund (270) / Public Works	IO12474 CSD - WBHC Remodel	431100-Federal Grants	\$3,218,285.47
	Expenditures:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF COVID Recovery	710500-Other Expense	(\$3,218,285.47)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ Public Works	IO12474 CSD - WBHC Remodel	814092-Transfer to Public Works Construction	\$3,218,285.47
Capital Improvements Fund (402)/ Public Works	PW TBD	622270-Transfer from Other Restricted	\$3,218,285.47
Capital Improvements Fund (402)/ Public Works	PW TBD	781080-Construction Contracts	\$3,218,285.47

**Grant Proposal – Infrastructure**

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	Revenue:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF COVID Recovery	431100-Federal Grants	(\$100,000)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ Public Works	IO12475 OCM - Grant Proposals-Infrastructure	431100-Federal Grants	\$100,000
	Expenditures:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF COVID Recovery	710500-Other Expense	(\$100,000)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ Public Works	IO12475 OCM - Grant Proposal-Infrastructure	710100 – Professional Services	\$100,000

**GenArete Pilot Program:**

<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 Gov	CC 270800 – SLFRF - General Government	431100-Federal Grants	(\$50,000)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ Welfare	IO12331 HSA-GenArete Pilot Program	431100-Federal Grants	\$50,000
	Expenditures:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ General Gov	CC 270800 – SLFRF COVID Recovery	710100 – Professional Services	(\$50,000)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ Welfare	IO12331 HSA-GenArete Pilot Program	710100 – Professional Services	\$50,000

**Future of Work**

<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 Gov	CC 270800 – SLFRF - General Government	431100-Federal Grants	(\$494,007)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ General Gov	IO19143 CSD-FOW	431100-Federal Grants	\$494,007
	Expenditures:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ General Gov	CC 270800 – SLFRF COVID Recovery	710500-Other Expense	(\$494,007)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ General Gov	IO19143 CSD-FOW	814092-Transfer to Public Works Construction	\$494,007
Capital Improvements Fund (402)/ General Gov	PW920237 – WC Workplace Future Pilot-SLFRF	781080-Construction Contracts	\$494,007
Capital Improvements Fund (402)/ General Gov	PW920237 – WC Workplace Future Pilot-SLFRF	622270-Transfer From Other Restricted	\$494,007

**Senior Programs:**

<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 Gov	CC 270800 – SLFRF - General Government	431100-Federal Grants	(\$100,000)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ Welfare	IO12217 HSA-Senior Programs	431100-Federal Grants	\$100,000
	Expenditures:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ General Gov	CC 270800 – SLFRF COVID Recovery	710500 – Other	(\$100,000)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ Welfare	IO12217 HSA-Senior Programs	710500 – Other	\$100,000

**Tenancy Support Program**

<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 Gov	CC 270800 – SLFRF - General Government	431100-Federal Grants	(\$750,000.00)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ Welfare	IO12401 - OCM-SLFRF-Tenancy Support Program	431100-Federal Grants	\$750,000.00
	Expenditures:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ General Gov	CC 270800 – SLFRF COVID Recovery	710500-Other Expense	(\$750,000.00)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ Welfare	IO12401 - OCM-SLFRF-Tenancy Support Program	710100 – Professional Services	\$750,000.00

**RECOMMENDATION**

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### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: *"move to approve allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) in the total amount of [\$4,712,292.47], to the following six projects and authorize the County Manager to sign necessary award documents:*

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