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## STAFF REPORT

**BOARD MEETING DATE: December 13, 2022**

**DATE:** Thursday, December 08, 2022

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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

- A. Recommendation to approve amended allocation for Project #11 Public Defender Staffing in a total amount of \$2,826,746, an award increase of \$1,585,892 over the \$1,240,854 approved by the Board on December 14, 2021. The project addresses critical caseload backlog caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic for the Public Defender. The award increase will provide funding for staff for an additional 24 months.
- B. Recommendation to approve allocation to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF) - Project #55 in the amount of \$2,060,000 to be overseen by the Washoe County Division of Housing and Homeless Services. Funding will be used to incentivize developers to build affordable housing in Washoe County through a competitive loan process managed by Washoe County and disbursed through the Community Foundation of Northern Nevada which will receive \$60,000 of funding to act as the fiscal agent of the funds.
- C. Recommendation to approve allocation to Washoe County Human Resources Organizational Effectiveness Division in the amount of \$500,000 to support a County-wide Civil Rights and Equity Engagement – Project #67 to support the County in compliance with federal, state, and local accessibility laws.
- D. Recommendation, in accordance with NRS 244.1505, to approve allocations of ARPA-SLFRF through the Washoe County Community Reinvestment Grant Program in the amount of \$3,360,078.00 for the

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following 11 subgrants, with terms no longer than two years, and authorize the County Manager to sign necessary award documents:

- Note-Able Music Therapy Services - Addressing Community Health Needs through Expansion of Music Therapy Services – Project (#56) in the amount of \$255,506 and approve Resolution 22-144 to support musical therapy sessions and renovations to the organization’s new facility.
- Food Bank of Northern Nevada – Community Solutions to Hunger Relief and Food Insecurity in Northern Nevada – Project (#57) in the amount of \$110,550 and approve Resolution 22-145 to support development of a community kitchen to support cooking lessons and nutrition seminars.
- Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada – Workforce Development Program – Project (#58) in the amount of \$483,708 and approve Resolution 22-146 to support soft skills development and job placement for low income and at-risk community members.
- Domestic Violence Resource Center – Flexible Childcare and Child Enrichment Program - Project (#59) in the amount of \$97,130 and approve Resolution 22-147 to support the development a reliable childcare network for domestic violence survivors.
- Nevada Legal Services – Holistic Law Project for Homeless and Low-income Residents of Washoe County – Project (#60) in the amount \$243,200 and approve Resolution 22-148 to support legal services to 450 residents with wraparound services to clients using holistic lawyering techniques.
- Communities In Schools of Nevada – Integrated Student Supports in Washoe County – Project (#61) in the amount of \$740,512 and approve Resolution 22-149 to support K-12 student social-emotional health initiatives and one-on-one case management for intensive interventions that allow students to stay in school, fully participate, and achieve academically.
- High Sierra Area Health Education Center (AHEC) – Community Health Worker Certification Program – Project (#62) in the amount of \$323,750 and approve Resolution 22-150 to support youth 16 years old and up to become certified as Community Health Workers and develop skills that will increase healthcare workforce.
- The Life Change Center – Opioid Treatment Induction Support – Project (#63) in the amount of \$568,042 and approve Resolution 22-151 to support a new pilot program to assist individuals trying to recover from fentanyl addiction.

- ReDirect Youth Outreach – Youth Boxing - Project (#64) in the amount of \$133,965 and approve Resolution 22-152 to support 50 at-risk youth participation in boxing classes and training that allows them to channel their emotions positively.
- The Empowerment Center – Supportive Housing Services – Project (#65) in the amount of \$58,230 and approve Resolution 22-153 to support women in recovery.
- Northern Nevada Literacy Council – Washoe County Literacy Project – Project (#66) in the amount of \$345,485 and approve Resolution 22-154 to support adult basic education and high school equivalency exam preparation.

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

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## **SUMMARY**

The allocations being considered include one amendment to an existing ARPA-SLFRF funded project, two new internal Washoe County projects, and 11 subgrants to nonprofits through the Community Reinvestment Grant Program. The total amount being considered is \$7,505,970 of Washoe County's State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

**Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item:** Economic Impact, Vulnerable Populations, Innovative Services

## **PREVIOUS ACTION**

On October 25, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved two projects to support General Improvement Districts. Incline Village GID (#41) received a subgrant of \$250,000 to support construction of additional skate park equipment and concrete. Gerlach General Improvement District (GGID) (#54) was provided support in the amount of \$250,000 by commissioning an affordable housing study and plan for an 18-acre parcel owned by the GGID. Additionally, the BCC approved 12 nonprofit subgrants in the amount of \$1,021,113.13 through the Community Reinvestment Grant Program. Nonprofits supported included (Projects #42-53): Options Veterinary Care, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern Nevada, Community Foundation of Northern Nevada, Project Discovery, Friends of Black Rock High Rock, Tu Casa Latina, Incline Education Fund, Pioneer Center for the Performing Arts, Rebuilding Together Northern Nevada, Sierra Nevada Journeys, Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum (The Discovery), and Community Services Agency.

On October 11, 2022, the BCC approved construction of two National Fitness Courts (#40) for \$312,000 in match funds to Renown's \$100,000 grant to Washoe County to install outdoor community fitness equipment.

For Board of County Commissioner actions related to the American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds prior to October 11, 2022 visit the [Washoe ARPA webpage](#).

### **BACKGROUND**

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act was signed into law, and established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Washoe County has been awarded a grant of \$91,587,038 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF). 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.

### **Washoe County Community Reinvestment Grant Program**

The Washoe County Community Reinvestment Grant Program offers funding to eligible nonprofits that provide services in Washoe County that can aid in a strong and equitable recovery. The County requested proposals for projects or programs to help the community recover from COVID-19, aligned with the priorities of ARPA-SLFRF funding, and further the County’s strategic goals.

The grant program is intended to address:

- Negative economic impacts spurred or exacerbated by the pandemic;
- Systemic community challenges through improved service delivery; and
- Planning and preparation for future events that cause service disruptions.

In general, projects will be prioritized that partner or collaborate with existing Washoe County services or address issues related to Childcare, Mental and emotional health and wellbeing, Community violence and child neglect prevention, Internet access, Outdoor recreation and trails, or Assist individuals to gain skills that will bolster their economic potential

Washoe County has the ability to subgrant funds from its allocation of the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) in accordance with the Treasury’s Final Rule and NRS 244.1505.

The Community Reinvestment Grant Program promoted an open and competitive grant solicitation for nonprofits in Washoe County to propose projects to aid the community in recovery from the COVID-19 Pandemic and bolster the community's resilience. The application period was from June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, to July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The applications were reviewed internally by Washoe County staff and considered for the proposal's alignment with Washoe County services, geographic territory, and populations the project seeks to serve. Applications were vetted for eligibility under ARPA-SLFRF guidelines and presented to Washoe County leadership for additional considerations. The first set of 12 projects totaling \$1,021,113.33 was approved at the October 25, 2022, Board of County Commissioners meeting by a unanimous vote.

The second set of projects are presented to the Board after extensive analysis and negotiations with nonprofit applicants to identify appropriate levels of County support for staffing and other budget items, sustainability plans for programs, and collaboration among potentially funded programs. Each budget presented in the second set of recommendations to the Board represent a significant reduction in requested budget in addition to collaboration between Washoe County and the nonprofit entity to identify how the programs proposed can benefit Washoe County community members in the long-term.

Recognizing that these are one-time funds, Washoe County Community Reinvestment strategically limited funding for personnel to partial support for all SLFRF-funded subgrants.

#### **Award Amendment**

<b>Public Defender</b>			
<b>Project #11</b>	Public Defender Attorneys & Support Staff-Backlog	\$1,240,854	BCC Approved 12/14/2021
Description:	The Washoe County Public Defender's will hire three attorneys for 24 months. Each attorney will receive an average of 255 cases per year and is expected to close an average of 259 cases per year. The three attorneys will be able to provide representation to clients and close 1,530 cases over the term of the grant. This will close the cases received/cases closed disparity. This will positively impact the criminal case backlog within the courts. Restoring balance to the Public Defenders case received case closed ratio will benefit the court system, the criminal justice system and most importantly the vulnerable and indigent population whose communities have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.		
Positions:	3 – Deputy Public Defender III, 1 – Investigator II (PD), 1 – Legal Secretary		
	Positions will be funded from the SLFRF grant funding provided through the American Rescue Plan Act for a maximum of 24 months. Ongoing funding beyond the grant award 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.		
Category:	Public Health (Addressing Impacts of the Public Health Emergency)		

<b>Public Defender</b>			
<b>Requested Amendment</b>	<b>Public Defender Attorneys &amp; Support Staff-Backlog</b>	<b>\$1,585,892</b>	<b>Approval Recommended</b>
Description:	<p>This amendment requests and additional 24 months of funding for the five positions supported by the original project. This additional 24 months to the original project period are being requested due to unexpected increases in re-opened cases due to arrest warrants from probation violations or violations of conditions of release imposed during the pandemic. Re-opened cases have been averaging 210 new cases per month on top of the average of 560 new cases received each month by the Public Defender's office. The re-opened cases were not considered in the original application because the number and volume were unknown as the criminal legal system re-opened.</p> <p>Additionally, the extension is necessary because criminal cases are taking longer to resolve than originally budgeted. The Public Defender's Office has hired all personnel on the award but has continued to experience an increase in caseload and complications in cases which take additional staff time and resources.</p> <p>The Public Defender's office is closing slightly under 10% more cases per month versus new cases opened monthly. The two-year extension of the ARPA grant positions should lead to the office being able to significantly bring the criminal case backlog toward closure which will benefit the vulnerable population that the Public Defender's office serves.</p>		
Category:	3.2: Public Sector Workforce: Rehiring Public Sector Staff		
Total Project Costs	\$2,826,746		

**New ARPA-SLFRF Awards:**

<b>Housing and Homeless Services</b>			
<b>Project #55</b>	Affordable Housing Trust Fund	\$2,060,000	Approval Recommended
Description:	Washoe County's Affordable Housing Trust Fund provides funding to housing developers through competitive solicitation process to increase and improve the supply of affordable housing for low, very low and extremely low-income households, with priority given to permanent supportive housing projects affordable to extremely low-income households. On October 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2022, the Board of County Commissioners approved updates to County Code Chapter 45.498 through 45.520, which redefines the purpose of the Fund to prioritize permanent supportive housing projects for the County's extremely low-income households. Washoe County will contract with the Community Foundation of Northern Nevada for professional services to serve as fiscal agent for the purposes of holding, managing, and disbursing funds allocated the AHTF. This initial allocation will be for \$2,060,000. The \$2 million is pass through funding to be loaned out by CFNN and the \$60k is the administrative and origination fee for CFNN's professional services.		
Category:	2.15: Long-term Housing Security: Affordable Housing		

<b>Human Resources</b>			
<b>Project #67</b>	Civil Rights and Equity Engagement	\$500,000	Approval Recommended
Description:	This proposal seeks to engage a team of consultants to evaluate Washoe County's program and services in the areas of limited English proficiency, unintended barriers to receive services and employment, Civil Rights Title VI and diversity training, and facility accessibility. An analysis of these areas and implementation plan for correction will allow Washoe County to better serve our community by improving equitable access to our programs, services, and facilities.		
Category:	3.4 Public Sector Capacity: Effective Service Delivery		

**Washoe County Community Reinvestment Grant Program Awards:**

<b>Note-Able Music Therapy Services</b>			
<b>Project #56</b>	Addressing Community Health Needs through Expansion of Music Therapy Services	\$255,506	Approval Recommended
Description:	Note-Able Music Therapy Services (NMTS) bridges the gaps between disability services, education, mental health, and the arts by providing innovative music therapy and inclusive music opportunities to the community. Services are provided by board-certified and state licensed music therapists and instructors specializing in adaptive music and dance. Funds will help the organization expand to serve the residents of Washoe County in two ways: 1) by assisting with building renovation through the purchase of acoustic ceiling tiles to provide crucial soundproofing of spaces, and 2) by supporting staff to facilitate music therapy and adaptive music groups for children, adults, and seniors in partnership with local agencies.		
	1.12: Mental Health Services		

<b>Food Bank of Northern Nevada</b>			
<b>Project #57</b>	Community Solutions to Hunger Relief and Food Insecurity in Northern Nevada	\$110,550	Approval Recommended
Description:	Food Bank of Northern Nevada will use grant funds to develop a new Community Kitchen and multi-purpose site to address nutritional needs, economic barriers, and social determinants of health. The facility will be used to provide nutrition programming in a high food insecurity neighborhood in Washoe County.		
Category:	2.1: Household Assistance: Food Programs		



<b>Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada</b>			
<b>Project #58</b>	Elevate (Workforce Development Program)	\$483,708	Approval Recommended
Description:	Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada's (CCNN's) workforce development (WFD) addresses systemic equity issues in Washoe County by resolving workforce and socioeconomic barriers for low-income, at-risk adults. Participants will be placed in entry level positions (e.g., retail, culinary, administrative, warehouse, maintenance, janitorial, etc.) based on their skillsets and interest. WFD includes temporary employment, financial literacy, credit solutions, resume building, interview coaching, 20-hour soft skills training through University of Nevada Reno's (UNR) College of Business (COB), and wraparound homelessness prevention tools. Case managers will apply evidence-based and trauma-informed strategies to address each participant's goals for sustainability and work-life balance. Eligibility assessments will address housing needs, food security, transportation, benefits enrollment, criminal background, work history, and interests to eradicate these barriers to success. Funding includes partial staff time for CCNN employees and funding for participant vouchers to subsidize rent, obtain bus passes, finish training certificates, and other expenses identified by case workers as beneficial for the participant.		
Category:	2.10: Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers (e.g. job training, subsidized employment, employment supports or incentives)		

<b>Domestic Violence Resource Center</b>			
<b>Project #59</b>	Flexible Childcare and Child Enrichment Program	\$97,130	Approval Recommended
Description:	The goal of this pilot project at the Domestic Violence Resource Center is to offer survivors of domestic violence short-term, flexible childcare to reduce barriers associated with addressing their mental, emotional, and financial health and wellbeing. In addition, this project will provide more robust wraparound services to children who have witnessed domestic violence. The Children's Program Advocate will create the foundation for the flexible childcare assistance program allowing survivors to access trusted childcare providers for short-term childcare when attending job interviews, counseling sessions, medical appointments, or even quick runs to the grocery store. This position will assess local quality childcare providers who are willing to provide safe childcare services for clients and begin to build a trusted network of providers. The Children's Program Advocate will be an in-person facilitator of the existing age-appropriate cognitive learning and thinking activities but also develop new activities that promote social and emotional growth, confidence, self-sufficiency, and education about healthy boundaries, relationships, communication, and self-care.		
Category:	2.11: Healthy Childhood Environments: Child Care		

<b>Nevada Legal Services</b>			
<b>Project #60</b>	Holistic Law Project for Homeless and Low-income Residents of Washoe County	\$243,200	Approval Recommended
Description:	Recognizing that many legal services clients often have more than just legal issues, the holistic lawyering project at Nevada Legal Services provides legal advice and information while connecting the client to a social worker to provide comprehensive case management. Including a social worker as part of the legal team allows clients to meet their needs in one place, instead of traveling to many organizations. Social workers assist with interviewing clients, assessing the client's psychosocial needs, and making referrals. The grant will test the client-centered approach to law, better meet the overall legal and social needs of clients and help close the justice gap in Washoe County by providing approximately 250 of the community's neediest clients with holistic legal advice.		
Category:	2.37: Economic Impact Assistance: Other		

<b>Communities In Schools of Nevada</b>			
<b>Project #61</b>	Integrated Student Supports in Washoe County	\$740,512	Approval Recommended
Description:	As a result of the pandemic, the need for mental health services, social-emotional health, and trauma-informed practices has significantly increased for Washoe County students. Communities in Schools operates in 13 schools across Washoe County to provide Integrated Student Supports (ISS). ISS is an evidence-based, success-proven methodology for providing students with the services and resources they need to remove both academic and nonacademic barriers to their success. The wraparound services include social-emotional learning opportunities, hunger prevention, physical and mental health services, before and after-school tutoring, and college and career readiness programs. Washoe County support services including Child Protective Services, Housing and Homeless Services, Juvenile Services, the Sheriff's Office, and Human Service Agency collaborate with Site Coordinators to provide a "community in the school". The funding would provide partial funding for 17 Site Coordinators who will support over 9,000 students with school-wide services and about 650 students with direct case management each year.		
Category:	2.26: Addressing Educational Disparities: Mental Health Services		

<b>High Sierra Area Health Education Center (AHEC)</b>			
<b>Project #62</b>	Community Health Worker Certification Program	\$323,750	Approval Recommended
Description:	One of High Sierra AHEC's certification programs for the Health Careers Academy of Nevada is the Community Health Worker (CHW) I certification. The CHW I certification is an opportunity for high school students (ages 16 and older) to receive comprehensive career counseling, job training, skill building, and ultimately certification as a Community Health Worker I or II once field placements are completed. Students will gain the skills and supportive services necessary to pursue an apprenticeship opportunity and/or employment as a Community Health Worker (CHW) Level I. Nevada and Washoe County continue to experience healthcare worker shortages because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Community Health Workers provide critical service to the healthcare field by acting as a bridge between communities, healthcare systems, and resources to empower patients to navigate their health and health needs.		
Category:	2.10: Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers (e.g. job training, subsidized employment, employment supports or incentives)		

<b>The Life Change Center</b>			
<b>Project #63</b>	Opioid Treatment Induction Support	\$568,042	Approval Recommended
Description:	The Opioid Treatment Induction Support (OTIS) program is a new pilot program that supports individuals recovering from fentanyl addiction. Fentanyl is an opioid rated at 100 morphine equivalent and 50 times stronger than heroin. Treatment patterns at The Life Change Center have shown that individuals recovering from fentanyl have a ~20% sobriety rate compared to other opioid users and traditional opioid treatment options are less effective. To address this, OTIS was designed to support, educate, and encourage individuals within the first 90 days of treatment to take their daily medication and work with peer recovery support specialists to normalize withdrawal. The program aims to increase sobriety within fentanyl users in the community.		
Category:	1.13: Substance Use Services		

<b>ReDirect Youth Outreach</b>			
<b>Project #64</b>	ReDirect Youth Outreach & Boxing	\$133,965	Approval Recommended
Description:	ReDirect Youth Outreach & Boxing is a local Reno/ Sparks nonprofit that services at-risk youth in the community through fitness and boxing. ReDirect has created a program that allows youth to use fitness and boxing as their coping skill for their daily lives. Many of the youth that ReDirect serves struggle with a variety of mental health diagnosis, disabilities, behavioral issues among others. It has been proven that fitness and physical activity is one of the top outlets to manage anger, aggression, anxiety, depression. It is also very instrumental in keeping kids off the street, out of trouble and away from drugs. Funding will support 50 youth to participate in the program at no cost with priority given to youth involved in the foster care system or juvenile services.		
Category:	2.13: Healthy Childhood Environments: Services to Foster Youth or Families Involved in Child Welfare System		

<b>The Empowerment Center</b>			
<b>Project #65</b>	Supportive Housing Services	\$58,230	Approval Recommended
Description:	The Empowerment Center provides recovery-focused supportive housing to women recovering from substance use disorder. The facility is a 42-unit sober living residence that opened in October 2022. This housing option is for individuals committed to a clean and sober lifestyle. Grant funds will support partial salary for one year for the Director of Housing Services who is responsible for providing on-site programming for residents to transition into independent living. The funding will also support WiFi for the facility so that individuals can access online resources and drug test costs through the Sober24 program.		
Category:	1.13: Substance Use Services		

<b>Northern Nevada Literacy Council</b>			
<b>Project #66</b>	Washoe County Literacy Project	\$345,485	Approval Recommended
Description:	Northern Nevada Literacy Council provides Adult Basic Education (ABE) programs addressing the literacy needs of Washoe County residents. The NNLC Washoe County Literacy Project will offer the following literacy programs at no cost to participants: High School Equivalency Classes and examination preparation, English Literacy Classes, Citizenship Classes, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Out-of-School Youth Program, Family Literacy Program, and Literacy Assessments.		
Category:	2.10: Assistance to Unemployed or Underemployed Workers (e.g. job training, subsidized employment, employment supports or incentives)		

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Should the board approve projects as submitted, the FY23 SLFRF COVID-19 Recovery Fund (Fund 270, Fund Center 270-8) budgets will be adjusted with the following cross-fund and/or cross-functional net-zero appropriation transfers:

**Project #11 Amendment: Public Defender Staffing**

<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 - General Government	431100-Federal Grants	(\$1,585,892)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Judicial	IO-11933 OCM-SLFRF-PD-Personnel	431100-Federal Grants	\$1,585,892
	Expenditures:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF - General Government	710500-Other Expense	(\$1,585,892)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Judicial	IO-11933 OCM-SLFRF-PD-Personnel	701412-Salary Adjustment	\$1,168,312
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Judicial	IO-11933 OCM-SLFRF-PD-Personnel	705360-Benefit Adjustment	\$403,093
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Judicial	IO-11933 OCM-SLFRF-PD-Personnel	710500-Other Expense	\$14,487

**Project #55: Affordable Housing Trust Fund**

<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 - General Government	431100-Federal Grants	(\$2,060,000)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Welfare	IO-12104 OCM-SLFRF-AHTF	431100-Federal Grants	\$2,060,000
	Expenditures/Transfers:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF - General Government	710500-Other Expense	(\$2,060,000)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Welfare	IO-12104 OCM-SLFRF-AHTF	710500-Other Expense	\$2,000,000
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Welfare	IO-12104 OCM-SLFRF-AHTF	710100-Professional Services	\$60,000

**Project #67: Civil Rights and Equity Engagement**

<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 - General Government	431100-Federal Grants	(\$500,000)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General	IO-12121-HR-Equity	431100-Federal Grants	\$500,000
	Expenditures/Transfers:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF - General Government	710500-Other Expense	(\$500,000)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General	IO-12121-HR-Equity	710500-Other Expense	\$500,000

**Project #56: Note-Able Music Therapy Services**

<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 - General Government	431100-Federal Grants	(\$255,506)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Welfare	IO-12105 OCM-SLFRF-Note-Ables	431100-Federal Grants	\$255,506
	Expenditures:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF - General Government	710500-Other Expense	(\$255,506)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Welfare	IO-12105 OCM-SLFRF-Note-Ables	710119-Subrecipient Payments	\$255,506

**Project #57: Food Bank of Northern Nevada**

<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 - General Government	431100-Federal Grants	(\$110,550)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Welfare	IO-12099 OCM-SLFRF-Food Bank Kitchen	431100-Federal Grants	\$110,550
	Expenditures:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF - General Government	710500-Other Expense	(\$110,550)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Welfare	IO-12099 OCM-SLFRF-Food Bank Kitchen	710119-Subrecipient Payments	\$110,550

**Project #58: Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada**

<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 - General Government	431100-Federal Grants	(\$483,708)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Welfare	IO-12100 OCM-SLFRF-Catholic Charities WFD	431100-Federal Grants	\$483,708
	Expenditures:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF - General Government	710500-Other Expense	(\$483,708)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Welfare	IO-12100 OCM-SLFRF-Catholic Charities WFD	710119-Subrecipient Payments	\$483,708

**Project #59: Domestic Violence Resource Center**

<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 - General Government	431100-Federal Grants	(\$97,130)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Welfare	IO-12101 OCM-SLFRF-DVRC Childcare	431100-Federal Grants	\$97,130
	Expenditures:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF - General Government	710500-Other Expense	(\$97,130)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Welfare	IO-12101 OCM-SLFRF-DVRC Childcare	710119-Subrecipient Payments	\$97,130

**Project #60: Nevada Legal Services**

<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 - General Government	431100-Federal Grants	(\$243,200)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Judicial	IO-12106 OCM-SLFRF- Holistic Legal Services	431100-Federal Grants	\$243,200
	Expenditures:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF - General Government	710500-Other Expense	(\$243,200)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Judicial	IO-12106 OCM-SLFRF- Holistic Legal Services	710119-Subrecipient Payments	\$243,200



**Project #61: Communities In Schools of Nevada**

<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)/Welfare	CC 270800 – SLFRF - General Government	431100-Federal Grants	(\$740,512)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Culture and Recreation	IO-12102 OCM-SLFRF-CIS Student Supports	431100-Federal Grants	\$740,512
	Expenditures:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF - General Government	710500-Other Expense	(\$740,512)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Welfare	IO-12102 OCM-SLFRF-CIS Student Supports	710119-Subrecipient Payments	\$740,512

**Project #62: High Sierra Area Health Education Center (AHEC)**

<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 - General Government	431100-Federal Grants	(\$323,750)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Health	IO-12103 OCM-SLFRF-AHEC Level Up	431100-Federal Grants	\$323,750
	Expenditures:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF - General Government	710500-Other Expense	(\$323,750)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Health	IO-12103 OCM-SLFRF-AHEC Level Up	710119-Subrecipient Payments	\$323,750

**Project #63: The Life Change Center**

<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 - General Government	431100-Federal Grants	(\$568,042)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Health	IO-12107 OCM-SLFRF- Opioid Induction	431100-Federal Grants	\$568,042
	Expenditures:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF - General Government	710500-Other Expense	(\$568,042)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Health	IO-12107 OCM-SLFRF- Opioid Induction	710119-Subrecipient Payments	\$568,042

**Project #64: ReDirect Youth Outreach**

<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 - General Government	431100-Federal Grants	(\$133,965)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ Culture and Recreation	IO-12108 OCM-SLFRF- ReDirect Boxing	431100-Federal Grants	\$133,965
	Expenditures:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF - General Government	710500-Other Expense	(\$133,965)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/ Culture and Recreation	IO-12108 OCM-SLFRF- ReDirect Boxing	710119-Subrecipient Payments	\$133,965

**Project #65: The Empowerment Center**

<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 - General Government	431100-Federal Grants	(\$58,230)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Welfare	IO-12109 OCM-SLFRF-Empowerment Center	431100-Federal Grants	\$58,230
	Expenditures:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF - General Government	710500-Other Expense	(\$58,230)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Welfare	IO-12109 OCM-SLFRF-Empowerment Center	710119-Subrecipient Payments	\$58,230

**Project #66: Northern Nevada Literacy Council**

<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 - General Government	431100-Federal Grants	(\$345,485)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Welfare	IO-12110 OCM-SLFRF-Washoe Literacy	431100-Federal Grants	\$345,485
	Expenditures:		
Other Restricted Fund (270)/General Government	CC 270800 – SLFRF - General Government	710500-Other Expense	(\$345,485)
Other Restricted Fund (270)/Welfare	IO-12110 OCM-SLFRF-Washoe Literacy	710119-Subrecipient Payments	\$345,485

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

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And, if approved, direction to the Comptroller’s Office to make necessary net zero cross-fund and/or cross-functional budget appropriation transfers as necessary. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

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