



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: July 20, 2021

DATE: Thursday, July 15, 2021

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Christine Vuletich, Chief Financial Officer
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THROUGH: Eric Brown, County Manager

SUBJECT: Presentation and discussion of a grant of \$91,587,038 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) awarded to Washoe County pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA); discussion of eligible uses and U.S. Treasury Department requirements for the management of the grant funds; and possible direction to staff on expenditure of such funds. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)
FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

This presentation provides an overview of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). Under the ARPA, Washoe County has been awarded a grant of \$91,587,038 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF). The presentation will discuss the eligible uses of the funding as well as requirements related to management of the funding as per the U.S. Treasury Department's *Interim Final Rule and Compliance and Reporting Guidance*.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Fiscal Sustainability

PREVIOUS ACTION

N/A

BACKGROUND

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, also called the COVID-19 Stimulus Package or American Rescue Plan, is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill passed by the 117th United States Congress and signed into law by President Joe Biden on March 11, 2021, to speed up the United States' recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing recession. First proposed on January 14, 2021, the

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package builds upon many of the measures in the CARES Act from March 2020 and in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, from December.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact related directly to this item, but possible direction from the Board could lead to subsequent financial impacts.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners hear the presentation and discussion of a grant of \$91,587,038 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) awarded to Washoe County pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA); discussion of eligible uses and U.S. Treasury Department requirements for the management of the grant funds; and possible direction to staff on expenditure of such funds.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with the recommendation, a possible motion would be *“hear the presentation and discussion of a grant of \$91,587,038 in State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) awarded to Washoe County pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA); discussion of eligible uses and U.S. Treasury Department requirements for the management of the grant funds; and possible direction to staff on expenditure of such funds.”*