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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: September 26, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: County Executive Office

SUBJECT: Resolution Amending Various Nevada County Budgets Through the

Fiscal Year 2022-23 Quarter 4 Consolidated American Rescue Plan Act Budget Amendment and to release ARPA Fund Balance in Fiscal

Year 2022-23 (4/5 Affirmative Vote Required)

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution.

<u>FUNDING</u>: The proposed budget amendment is funded by the American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Aid (ARPA) allocation of \$19,376,239 to Nevada County and represents accounting adjustments to projects previously approved by the Board of Supervisors. There is no General Fund required. A budget amendment is needed to establish the ARPA fund budgets for FY 22-23 and will obligate (decrease) the ARPA fund in the amount of \$206,946.

BACKGROUND: The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus package passed by Congress and signed by President Joseph Biden on March 11, 2021 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated economic challenges. ARPA included \$350 billion in State and Local Aid, which included \$65.1 billion in direct funding to counties through the SLFRF program. Of this funding, Nevada County has been allocated \$19,376,239. The deadline to obligate all funds is December 31, 2024.

On April 27, 2021, the Board adopted a preliminary ARPA Expenditure Plan, which called for the allocation of 30% of ARPA funds to community and economic resiliency projects, and the remaining 70% for COVID-19 related county costs and revenue loss. This plan also outlined a specific process to be followed regarding ARPA funds, summarized as follows:

- Staff will bring the ARPA Expenditure Plan to the Board periodically for progress reporting and, when applicable, guidance to change and update the plan to meet changing needs
- Establish budget for specific projects and expenses within the Plan. These amendments can take a couple of different shapes:
 - General amendments to facilitate planning for projects, to be replaced by specific projects when they materialize
 - o Specific amendments for major projects to be brought individually to the Board

- Specific amendments for other items to be brought to the Board periodically in consolidated ARPA budget amendments
- Staff will provide periodic summaries of ARPA Expenditure Plan activity including expenses year-to-date, obligated expenditures, and remaining funding

Per the ARPA Expenditure Plan, certain projects will occasionally need to have budget established or adjusted for accounting purposes. This proposed amendment represents three (3) such adjustments, which do not represent significant deviation from the approved ARPA Expenditure Plan, nor the nature of the approved projects.

Below is a description of the projects to be adjusted by each amendment.

- **AR01CW4:** ECON01 (Community Resilience Grants) provides grants up to \$100,000 for community-serving institutions and organizations as they respond to the negative impacts of the pandemic and/or rebound from the downturn. This amendment establishes budget for a contract awarded under Resolution 23-026.
- **AR02CW4:** OTHER09 (Outdoor Recreation Public Safety) provides funding for expanded patrol and public safety activities resulting from the pandemic-driven explosion in outdoor recreation. This amendment aligns budget with actual project expenses in FY 22-23.
- AR03CW4: HHSA08 (Quarantine and Isolation Support) provides support for individuals disproportionately impacted by quarantine requirements, and for projects to keep at-risk populations out of congregate sheltering, such as hotel/motel placements, rental assistance and navigation/resource center resources connected to accessible housing. This amendment aligns budget with actual project expenses in FY 22-23.

The individual adjustments are further denoted on **Attachment A**. The total draw on the ARPA fund balances as a result of this budget amendment is \$206,946.

If you have further questions or desire further details, we will be happy to provide them.

Item Initiated by: Martin Polt, Deputy County Executive Officer

Approved by: Alison Lehman, County Executive Officer