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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: October 12, 2021

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Alison Lehman, County Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Resolution Establishing Budget for the Remainder of the First Tranche of the US American Rescue Plan Act - State And Local Aid Program (ARPA) Allocation in Accordance with the ARPA Expenditure Plan as Presented to the Board of Supervisors on April 27, 2021, in the Amount of \$9,150,319, and Directing the Auditor-Controller to Amend Various Fiscal Year 2021/22 Budgets (4/5 Affirmative Vote Required).

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Resolution.

FUNDING: This item will establish budget for the remainder of the American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Aid (ARPA) Expenditure Plan, as presented to the Board on April 27, 2021. The proposed budget amendment is funded by the ARPA allocation of \$19,376,239 to Nevada County and represents the \$9,688,119.50 of ARPA funding received, less amounts included in previous budget amendments and expenditures/obligations to-date. There are no general funds required. This action fits into the ARPA Expenditure Plan planning and budget process as described below.

If approved, the amendment will impact a number of County budgets, including: Adult Behavioral Health; County Executive Office; Emergency Medical & Preparedness; Facilities Management; HHS Admin; Housing Services Admin; Other Sources & Uses; Public Health Admin; Risk Management; Sheriff Services.

BACKGROUND: The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”) (H.R. 1319) 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 ongoing 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. Based on US Treasury allocations, Nevada County has been allocated \$19,376,239 in funding. The first tranche of funds in the amount of \$9,688,119.50 have been received, and it is anticipated that the remaining \$9,688,119.50 will be received on or around June 1, 2022. The deadline to obligate all funds is December 31, 2024.

On April 27, 2021, staff brought a preliminary ARPA Expenditure Plan to the Board for direction. The plan included a recommendation to allocate 30% of ARPA funds (\$5.8M)

to community and economic resiliency projects, and 70% (\$13.6M) for COVID-19 related county costs and revenue loss. At the April 27, 2021 Board meeting, comment was provided, and the plan was accepted as presented.

On June 22, 2021, the Board approved the first round of expenditures related to the ARPA Expenditure Plan, in the amount of \$5,205,000, and established FY 2020/21 budget for those projects/expenditures. Since that time, County staff have identified a number of additional projects and potential projects in keeping with the ARPA Expenditure Plan, which will need Board approval for FY 2021/22 budget in order to implement.

This action by the Board is within the ARPA expenditure planning and budget process to be followed going forward:

- 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 (approximately semi-annually; the next update is estimated in January/February 2022)
- Establish budget for the approved ARPA Expenditure Plan for projects and expenses within the Plan
 - A general budget amendment to facilitate planning for projects; the general budget authority will be replaced by specific projects when they materialize
- Specific budget amendments will be brought to the Board as projects materialize; major items will be brought individually to the Board, and other items will 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 (See attached Exhibit A)

The item before you today represents a general placeholder budget amendment for FY 2021/22 in the amount to \$2.3M, plus budget amendments for specific projects that have materialized up to this point in the amount of \$6.9M.

We request that the Board of Supervisors approve this resolution.

Item Initiated by: Martin Polt, County Fiscal Officer
Approved by: Alison Lehman, County Executive Officer