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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: September 12, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Alison Lehman, County Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the 2023 Revised ARPA Expenditure Plan and establishing budget and project authorization for the remainder of Nevada County's allocation from the American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds and Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund programs as presented to the Board of Supervisors at its January 2023 Workshop, and Directing the Auditor-Controller to Amend Various Fiscal Year 2023/24 Budgets (4/5 Affirmative Vote Required).

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Resolution.

FUNDING: This item will establish budget for the remainder of American Rescue Plan Act moneys allocated to Nevada County through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) and Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) programs. The County's total allocation is summarized below:

- SLFRF: \$19,376,239
- LATCF: \$710,000
- Total: \$20,086,239

The proposed budget amendment will adjust various FY 2023/24 departmental budgets in alignment with the plans discussed at the Board's 2023 January Workshop (see Attachment A, "2023 Revised ARPA Expenditure Plan"), including previously approved expenditures/projects and "New" projects recommended and approved at the workshop. Total budget appropriation for FY 2023/24 is \$11,809,578, including \$1,034,312 that was included in the adopted FY 2023/24 Budget, and \$10,775,266 additional to be appropriated in this resolution. There are no general funds required.

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.

Additionally, Section 605 of the Social Security Act, added by Section 9901 of ARPA, established the LATCF, which provides \$2 billion across Federal Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 for use on any governmental purpose except for a lobbying activity to eligible revenue sharing counties and eligible Tribal governments. Of this funding, Nevada County has been allocated \$709,432.

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
 - 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

In keeping with this direction, discussion was held at the Board's 2023 January Workshop, seeking guidance to update the plan to reflect progress on already approved projects and expenses, along with a recommendation for the allocation of remaining funds. At that meeting, comment was provided, and revisions to the Expenditure Plan were approved. However, no resolutions are adopted at the Board Workshop. This resolution is a necessary follow-up to that meeting to accomplish the following:

- Formally approve the 2023 Revised ARPA Expenditure Plan
- Establish budget appropriation for the implementation of projects in Fiscal Year 2023/34

Attachment A provides a list of each project included in the 2023 Revised ARPA Expenditure Plan, along with a project number, general description of the project and project budget. The list includes on-going projects previously approved, plus "New" projects that were recommended and approved at the 2023 Board Workshop.

Attachment B enumerates the individual budget amendments and their respective project numbers. The amendments represent a mixture of remaining project balances on previously approved projects, budget establishment for newly authorized projects and general placeholder budget to facilitate planning for projects, as described above.

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