

American Rescue Plan Act

November 2, 2021

Background

- ▶ El Dorado County was allocated approximately \$37.46 million.
 - ▶ Received approximately \$18.7 million in June 2021
 - ▶ Scheduled to receive an additional \$18M in June/July 2022
- ▶ Funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026.

Allowable Uses

- ▶ Support Public Health Response
- ▶ Address negative economic impacts
- ▶ Replace lost revenue
- ▶ Provide premium pay for essential workers
- ▶ Invest in Infrastructure specifically related to clean drinking water, improving wastewater and storm water infrastructure and providing high-quality broadband service. Outdoor spaces like (e.g. parks) may also be eligible to use ARPA funding if they are within Qualified Census Designated Tracts that have disproportionately been impacted by the pandemic.

July 13, 2021 Board Meeting

- ▶ Board Direction
 - ▶ Avoid a complex distribution of funds.
 - ▶ Consistent with Strategic Plan
 - ▶ Allocate funds to replace lost revenue (*not applicable to El Dorado County*)
 - ▶ Allocate funds for small business/non-profit support
 - ▶ Directed all recipients to pursue other funding and only request ARPA as a last resort.
 - ▶ Approved the addition of two FTEs to support the administration of ARPA funds.

Process

- ▶ Letters were sent to all Department Heads and county partners/stakeholders asking to submit requests.
- ▶ Respondents were asked to identify how their funding requests related to the County's Strategic Plan and complied as an allowable use with the American Rescue Plan Act.
- ▶ All water infrastructure projects were coordinated through the El Dorado County Water Agency
- ▶ Requested funding totaled approximately \$118 million.
- ▶ The recommendations before you are consistent with the Board's direction on July 13th and are also meant to reduce audit risk.

Recommendations

- ▶ Broadband - \$5 million
- ▶ Public Health - \$4.38 million
- ▶ Behavioral Health - \$7.26 million
- ▶ Small Business/Non-Profit Support - \$3.95 million
 - ▶ Recommend \$813,000 to the El Doardo County Fair Association
- ▶ Environmental Management - \$2.6 million
- ▶ Water Infrastructure - \$9.62 million
- ▶ Parks (Forebay Park) - \$3 million (only if grant funding isn't received)
- ▶ Tahoe JPA - \$183,000
- ▶ Fire Districts - \$500,000

**All recipients should be required to submit quarterly status reports.*

Summary

- ▶ All recommendations are consistent with prior Board direction.
- ▶ If the Board approves these recommendations, we will delete one of the positions that was added due to less administrative burden than originally anticipated.
- ▶ With the exception of funding for public health and the fire districts, the goal was to allocate funding that would provide long term (e.g, 15+ years) benefit to our community.
 - ▶ Public health and fire districts are an exception due to the ongoing need to address COVID.