



CITY OF FERNLEY

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: February 3, 2021

REPORT TO: Mayor and City Council
REPORT FROM: Daphne Hooper, City Manager
REVIEWED BY: Brandi Jensen, City Attorney
REVIEWED BY: Denise Lewis, City Treasurer

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Yes: No:

CURRENTLY BUDGETED:

Yes: No:

FUND/ACCOUNT:

220-480-800 Project #2020.002.2

ACTION REQUESTED: Consent Ordinance Resolution Motion Receive/File

AGENDA ITEM: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of plan for CARES Act Funding to be expended by December 31, 2021.

Agenda Item Brief: The deadline to spend the CARES Act Funds distributed to the City of Fernley through the State of Nevada has been extended. The total amount distributed to the City of Fernley was \$3,921,960. \$1,500,000 remain and must be expended by December 31, 2021. A plan for expenditures is provided for approval.

Recommended Motion:

"I move to approve the plan for the remaining CARES Act Funding to be expended by December 31, 2021."

Business Impact (per NRS Chapter 237):

- A Business Impact Statement is Attached.
- A Business Impact Statement is not required because this is not a rule (term excludes vehicles by which legislative powers are exercised under NRS Chapters 271, 278, 278A, or 278B).

See attached report for background, analysis, alternatives.

BACKGROUND:

On June 11, 2020, Governor Steve Sisolak announced the distribution of Federal CARES Act funding for local governments throughout the state to assist with unanticipated expenditures created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The funds were provided to help counties and cities recuperates expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic and assist with eligible expenses moving forward and address the impacts of the pandemic.

The distribution of funds was based on the federal guidance for local governments with a population of less than 500,000, which for Nevada includes all counties and incorporates cities outside of the Clark County and the City of Las Vegas. As set forth in federal guidance necessitated by the Act, Nevada used a per capita allocation benchmark formula to calculate the appropriate amount of funds each local government would receive.

A total of \$148 million was distributed throughout the State. The City of Fernley received \$3,921,960.

These funds were to be used to cover costs that fall within one of three categories: necessary expenses incurred due to the public health emergency, costs not accounted for in the local government’s most recently approved budget as of March 27, 2020, and costs incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 31, 2020.

The City of Fernley did not spend all the funds allocated during that time period. Congress recently approved an extension of time for those funds to be used. The deadline for the expenditure of these funds has been changed to December 31, 2021. The remaining balance is \$1.5 Million.

Staff has reviewed options, and the following items have been identified for expenditure of the remaining funds:

Project	Description	Amount
Funding for community assistance	Funding provided to Human Services to assist with rent/mortgage and utility bills to community members affected by COVID-19	\$206,000
Distance Learning Center	Continue the distance learning center to address the needs of distancing learning, alternating schedules for school-based education, and provide support to working families.	\$250,000
North Lyon Fire Protection District	Payroll costs for emergency services	\$415,000
PPE/Deep Cleaning		\$100,000
Readerboard improvements	To provide information to the community regarding COVID-19 testing, directives, vaccinations, etc.	\$50,000
ADA table for podium and two attorney tables to match chamber décor to complete the COVID compliant remodel	Completion of remodel that was started prior to the end of 2020.	\$5,500
TBD	Additional requests will be submitted to City Council	\$473,500
Total		\$1,026,500

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

All expenses follow the established guidelines and are reviewed by the State of Nevada for compliance.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

\$1,500,000 are remaining in the CARES Act funds. All funds must be expended by December 31, 2021.