



CITY OF FERNLEY

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: July 21, 2021

REPORT TO: Mayor and City Council
REPORT FROM: Daphne Hooper, City Manager
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 expenditures for remaining CARES Act Funds 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 is December 31, 2021. The total amount distributed to the City of Fernley was \$3,921,960. \$1,000,000 remain and must be expended by December 31, 2021. A plan for the expenditures remaining 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. The remaining balance at June 30, 2021 is \$1,004,896.68. Approximately \$131K is still to be spent on Court facilities and approximately \$35K to be spent on Living Faith Food Pantry expenses.

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

Project	Description	Amount
North Lyon Fire Protection District	Payroll costs for emergency services	\$500,000.00
Lyon County Sheriff's Office	Sentinel Armored Response Vehicle	\$318,100.00
City of Fernley	PPE, Cleaning supplies, etc.	\$20,796.68
Court Facilities	Completion of remodel previously approved by City Council	\$131,000.00
Living Faith Food Pantry	Completion of projects previously approved by City Council	\$35,000.00
Total		\$1,004,896.68

The North Lyon Fire Protection District request includes funds to cover payroll costs for emergency services within the allowable timeframe of March 1, 2020 – December 31, 2021.¹ The total costs are approximately \$500,000.

The Lyon County Sheriff's Office includes funds for a Sentinel Armored Response Vehicle in the amount of \$318,100.00. With the pandemic, there has been increased frequency of behavioral health emergencies and an increase in violent crimes, including domestic violence calls. This vehicle will provide law enforcement the ability to respond safely to increased call volumes with increased risk. CARES Act regulations indicate eligible expenses include, but are not limited to, payment for:

2. Public health expenses such as:

- Expenses for public safety measures undertaken in response to COVID-19.²

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

\$1,004,896.68 is remaining in the CARES Act funds. All funds must be expended by December 31, 2021.

¹ Treasury clarified that public safety employees would include police officers, sheriffs, and deputy sheriffs, firefighters, emergency medical responders, correctional and detention officers, and those who directly support such employees such as dispatchers and supervisory personnel. Federal Register/Vol. 86, No. 10/Friday, January 15, 2021/Notices, p. 4185.

² Federal Register/Vol. 86, No. 10/Friday, January 15, 2021/Notices, p. 4184.