



# CITY OF FERNLEY

## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: November 17, 2021

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	Mayor and City Council
<b>REPORT FROM:</b>	Trisha Conner, Assistant to the City Manager
<b>REVIWED BY:</b>	Daphne Hooper, City Manager
<b>REVIEWED BY:</b>	Brandi Jensen, City Attorney
<b>REVIEWED BY:</b>	Denise Lewis, City Treasurer

<b>FINANCIAL IMPACT:</b> Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>CURRENTLY BUDGETED:</b> Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>FUND/ACCOUNT:</b> ARPA Funds 220-480-810
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**ACTION REQUESTED:**  Consent  Ordinance  Resolution  Motion  Receive/File

**AGENDA ITEM: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of the American Rescue Plan Act subrecipient agreement between the City of Fernley and Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows, for the funding for the Boys and Girls Club operational costs, personnel salaries and benefits, in the amount of \$151,323.00.**

**Agenda Item Brief: The Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows is providing an afterschool service serving children in middle school and high school. The Club offers the families of Fernley a low-cost site where youth will receive academic and enrichment opportunities to support their academic and social-emotional recovery. The Club will also give parents the flexibility and peace of mind they need to return to the workforce; thus, helping the economy build back stronger.**

**Recommended Motion:**  
"I move to approve the ARPA subrecipient agreement between the City of Fernley and Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows."

**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.

## **ALTERNATIVES:**

Council may make any amendments or adjustments.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds under sections 602 and 603 of the Social Security Act to help states and localities address the economic and health consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (Fund) provides for payments to non-entitlement units of local government (NEUs), which are local governments typically serving a population under 50,000.

City Council adopted Resolution 21-005 on July 21, 2021, accepting \$18,921,964.50 from the Fund knowing the City would receive half of the advanced funds in July 2021 and the other half in July 2022. Subsequently, an amendment was presented to Council on August 4, 2021, to include an amendment, which provides a total of \$20,972,921.50.

The Secretary of the Treasury issued the Interim Final Rule to implement the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund and the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund established under the American Rescue Plan Act, which states Congress provided State, local, and Tribal governments with significant resources to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and its economic impacts through four categories:

- To respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small business, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;
- To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers;
- For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency; and
- To make necessary investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.

It further states that recipients should assess the connection between the negative economic harm and the COVID-19 public health emergency, the nature and extent of that harm, and how the use of this funding would address such harm.

Federal guidance provides eligible uses for responding to the negative economic impacts resulting from the pandemic. The City of Fernley has identified the following areas for consideration:

**Addressing Educational Disparities:** School closures and the transition to remote education raised particular challenges for lower-income students, potentially exacerbating educational disparities, while increases in economic hardship among families could have long-lasting impacts on children's educational and economic prospects. Services under this prong would enhance educational supports to help mitigate impacts of the pandemic. Eligible services include:

- New, expanded, or enhanced early learning services, including pre-kindergarten, Head Start, or partnerships between pre-kindergarten programs and local educational authorities, or administration of those services.
- Providing assistance to high-poverty school districts to advance equitable funding across districts and geographies.
- Evidence-based educational services and practices to address the academic needs of students, including tutoring, summer, afterschool, and other extended learning and enrichment programs; and
- Evidence-based practices to address the social, emotional, and mental health needs of students.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Department of the Treasury, 31 CFR Part 35, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, p. 40.

**Promoting Healthy Childhood Environments:** Children’s economic and family circumstances have a long-term impact on their future economic outcomes. Increases in economic hardship, material insecurity, and parental stress and behavioral health challenges all raise the risk of long-term harms to today’s children due to the pandemic. Eligible services to address this challenge include:

- New or expanded high-quality childcare to provide safe and supportive care for children.<sup>2</sup>

**PROPOSED PLAN:**

City Council approve the ARPA Spending Plan on August 4, 2021. The plan set aside \$8 million for Wastewater Infrastructure and \$12 million for the Community Resource & Response Center; leaving \$972,921.50 for other eligible needs and requests to be determined and presented to Council prior to expenditure. Staff would like to present the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows proposal to the Council to support an additional Boys & Girls Club site in Fernley.

With funding from the City of Fernley, the Boys & Girls Club will transform the distance learning center into an additional site where youth will receive academic and enrichment opportunities to support their academic and social-emotional recovery. To recover, students need extra support, including additional learning hours. And as the Fernley population rises and citizens return to the workforce, the demand for childcare is increasing, yet the options for parents are diminishing and the current Boys & Girls Club site are quickly reaching capacity limits. Simultaneously, this site will give parents the flexibility and peace of mind they need to return to the workforce; thus, helping the economy build back stronger.

**Balance of the ARPA Funding:**

Project	Description	Amount
Wastewater Infrastructure	Funding will be used to complete capital projects established in Capital Improvement Plan for wastewater.	\$8,000,000
Community Resource and Response Center	Development of a Community Resource and Response Center that will provide a designated location for vaccine distribution and testing, food distribution, programs and services related to the direct impacts of COVID-19 and the negative economic harm caused including but not limited to food insecurity, childcare, educational needs, mental health.	\$12,000,000
<b>Boys &amp; Girls Club – The Club operational costs and personnel salaries &amp; benefits</b>	<b>Addressing educational disparities and promoting healthy childhood environments.</b>	<b>\$151,323.00</b>
To Be Determine	Other eligible needs and requests will be presented to Council prior to expenditures	\$821,598.50
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$20,972.921.50</b>

<sup>2</sup> Id., p. 41.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The City of Fernley must comply with Department of the Treasury, 31 CFR Part 35, Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

A formal expenditure plan will be presented to the City Council for approval prior to any obligation of these funds. Funds may be used for eligible costs incurred during the period beginning March 3, 2021, and ending December 31, 2024, for purposes established in the Act. Funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and projects in progress must be completed by December 31, 2026. Any funds not obligated by December 31, 2024, must be returned.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Subrecipient Agreement

Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows Proposal