



**SAN BENITO COUNTY
AGENDA ITEM
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Item Number: 3.7

MEETING DATE: 02/07/2023

DEPARTMENT: COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Dulce Alonso

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Ray Espinosa

SUBJECT:

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE - R. ESPINOSA

Approve budget transfer of \$781,428.00 for various American Rescue Plan Act "ARPA" Projects from existing Division (1015) Non-Departmental Expenditures to the (1047) Disaster Recovery Division, including Public Records Act Software (\$250,000.00), Document Scanning (\$150,000.00), Homelessness abatement program (\$164,775.00), community emergency radio program (\$50,000.00), security for public meetings (\$66,653.00), and Sheriff Departments communication equipment for vehicles (\$100,000.00). (4/5 vote required)

SBC FILE NUMBER: 119

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 into law. The \$1.9 trillion economic recovery package, based on President Biden's American Rescue Plan, is intended to provide financial aid to families, governments, businesses, schools, nonprofits, and others impacted by the COVID-19 public health crisis.

To support the immediate pandemic response, bring back jobs, and lay the groundwork for a strong and equitable recovery, ARPA established the Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Fund, designed to deliver \$350 billion to state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to bolster their response to the COVID-19 emergency and recover from the economic impacts caused by the public health crisis. This legislation provided \$27.0 billion in federal money to the State of California. The County of San Benito was allocated \$12.1 million. Guidelines and regulations were first released by the US Treasury in

the form of the Interim Final Rule in January of 2022. This Final Rule provided new extended flexibility for expenditures for the State, Tribal and Local Governments.

Direction was provided from the Board of Supervisors, upon the request of the Ad Hoc, to select the Standard Allowance of \$10,000,000 for San Benito County. This will allow for the County to have more flexibility in those funds and be able to move forward with new or previously sidelined projects.

The ARPA Ad Hoc began to meet in the second half of the last calendar year (2021). The Ad Hoc initially discussed the guidelines and potential eligible projects but, was strategic in the investment and utilization of these funds. With the passage of time and the new updated "Final Rule" the Ad Hoc is now ready to begin to move forward on various programs and projects. Brought forth forward is the current budget as well as projects the Ad Hoc has discussed and will want to move forward with.

Some projects were brought to the Board of Supervisor's for approval during the Budget Hearings. Those projects where approved and funded through the General Fund and subsequently approved by the Board of Supervisors after the ARPA Ad Hoc has recommended as of this point all of the ARPA funding has been committed of the \$12,199,718.00.

To better track the following projects/programs the programs shall be moved and paid through the disaster recovery fund. The projects include:

1. Public Records Act Software (\$250,000.00),
2. Document Scanning (\$150,000.00),
3. Homelessness abatement program (\$164,775.00),
4. Community emergency radio program (\$50,000.00),
5. Security for public meetings (\$66,653.00), and
6. Sheriff Departments communication equipment for vehicles (\$100,000.00).

Attached is the list of all ARPA approved projects and proposed budget transfer.

RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

No

CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

No

CONTRACT AND RFP HISTORY:

N/A

LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:

N/A

STATE IF THIS IS A NEW CONTRACT/ HOW MANY PAST AMENDED CONTRACTS/ OR N/A:

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 3. Technology

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 4. Community Engagement

Yes

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 5. Health & Safe Community

Yes

BUDGETED:

Yes

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NEEDED:

Yes

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund

UNFUNDED MANDATE:

No

SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:

101.15.1015.1000.670.000/101.15.1047.1000.

CURRENT FY COST:

\$781,428.00

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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BOARD ACTION RESULTS:

Approved budget transfer, per staff recommendation. (5/0 Vote)

ATTACHMENTS:

[Budget Adjustment Transfer ARPA projects](#)
[Budget Transfer Spreadsheet - funds deadline](#)