



**SAN BENITO COUNTY
AGENDA ITEM
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Item Number: 1.6

MEETING DATE: 11/26/2024

DEPARTMENT: COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Dulce Alonso

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Henie Ring

SUBJECT:

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE - H.RING. DEPUTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Accept informational ARPA project list, approve the shifting of the remainder of the ARPA project funds to cover the general fund payroll and comply with the December 31, 2024 funding obligations deadline and reporting requirements, and delegate authority to the County Administrative Officer or designee and auditor-controller or designee to jointly approve transfers and revisions of appropriations within department budget unit #15 if the overall appropriations of the budget unit are not increased.

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. The US Treasury first released guidelines and regulations 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.

The direction was provided by 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 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 Supervisors for approval during the Budget Hearings. Those projects were approved and funded through the General Fund and subsequently approved by the Board of Supervisors after the ARPA Ad Hoc recommended that, as of this point, all of the ARPA funding has been committed to \$12,199,718.00.

Attached is the ARPA list with all current projects. The County opted in for the standard allowance for revenue loss of \$10 million, which may be utilized for regular county operations as long as the funding is obligated by December 31, 2024. Staff is recommending that the remainder of ARPA project balances shift to the payroll of the general fund departments, which would fulfill the funding obligations and reporting requirements.

RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

No

CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:

No

RFP AND BID HISTORY:

N/A

LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:

N/A

CONTRACT HISTORY (Describe all amendments and previous contracts):

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:

6,737,007

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

1. Accept informational ARPA project list,
2. Approve the shifting of the remainder of the ARPA project funds to cover the general fund payroll and comply with the December 31, 2024 funding obligations deadline and reporting requirements.
3. For purposes of reallocating ARPA funds and pursuant to government code section 29125, authorize and designate the County Administrative Officer or designee and Auditor-Controller or designee to jointly approve transfers and revisions of appropriations within department budget unit #15 if the overall appropriations of the budget unit are not increased.

ATTACHMENTS:

[01 ARPA projects summary June 30 2024 - BOS 11-26-24](#)

[02 ARPA projects summary December 31 2024 - BOS 11-26-24](#)

[03 GF allocation projects summary - BOS 11-26-24](#)