



**STAFF REPORT**  
**7/10/2024**

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** Andrew Simmons, P.E., City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Adopt Resolution No. 2024-29 Approve American Rescue Plan Act Funds (ARPA) for the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) Program for the Fire Station Remodel Project in the amount of \$300,000.

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-29, authorizing the appropriation of American Rescue Plan Act funds from the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund program in the amount of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for the Fire Station Remodel Project.

**BACKGROUND:**

President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) into law on March 11, 2021. The legislation provides \$1.9 trillion in economic stimulus funds to assist in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. One component of the legislation is the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program, which provides funds directly to local jurisdictions to respond to the economic and public health impacts of COVID-19. The City of Coachella expects to receive \$10.94 million in total SLFRF due to its size and demographics.

City Staff identified a list of projects to implement utilizing ARPA funding with the input gathered through community outreach and the City Council, indicated below:

- Study Session I – August 25, 2021
- Study Session II – November 15, 2021
- Public Survey/Community Outreach – November 2021

ARPA program guidelines under “2022 Final Rule” was then released by the U.S. Department of the Treasury on January 6, 2022 and took effect on April 1, 2022, which provided substantial flexibility for local jurisdictions within the four separate eligible use categories identified below:

- Replace lost public sector revenue
- Support the COVID-19 public health and economic response
- Provide premium pay for eligible workers performing essential work
- Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure

On August 2023, the U.S. Department of the Treasury released additional guidelines and amendments to the SLFRP program under the 2023 Interim Final Rule, which are indicated below:

- Emergency Relief from Natural Disasters
- Surface Transportation Projects
- Title 1 Projects (projects that are eligible under the CDBG program)

Under the SLFRF program, funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and must be expended by December 31, 2026. On October 25, 2023, Staff provided an update on the ARPA funding to the City Council.

**DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:**

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-29 and appropriate the ARPA funds for the Fire Station Remodel Project. This project will replace the six (6) bay roll up doors with new high-speed doors with circular guide technology. The project will also include new lockers to provide storage for fire staff turnout equipment and additional furniture storage for the restrooms.

Currently, the roll-up doors are damaged and four of the six doors are out of service. The new doors will add redundancy and provide additional capacity for fire engines. The new doors are essential to ensure there are no disruptions in service. The lockers will provide a safe and adequate space to store turnout equipment to meet their current safety standards. This will prevent nuisance particles and carcinogens into the space. The additional furniture will provide storage to enhance efficiency for the first responders.

Overall, the additional funds will benefit a critical safety project and provide upgraded emergency and pandemic response to the community.

***Proposed Budget:***

<b>Description:</b>	<b>Quantity:</b>	<b>Cost:</b>	<b>Total:</b>
<b>Roll Up Doors (6)</b>	1	\$250,000	\$250,000
<b>Bathroom Furniture</b>	1	\$21,000	\$21,000
<b>Storage Lockers</b>	1	\$29,000	\$29,000
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>			<b>\$300,000</b>

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There will be no impact to the General fund. Consequently, there will be a three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) cost that will impact the American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.

**EXHIBIT(S):**

1. Resolution No. 2024-29 - Authorizing the Appropriation of American Rescue Plan Act

Funds from the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund program in the Amount of \$300,000 for the Fire Station Remodel Project.

2. City of Coachella ARPA Project List