

STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 5th, 2022

TO: City of Colusa Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Jesse Cain, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM:

Subject: Use of the ARPA funds.

Recommendation: Council to direct staff on the use of ARPA funds.

BACKGROUND ANALYSIS:

In July of 2021, the City of Colusa received \$724,839.00 in ARPA funds from the State of California, and anticipates receiving the balance of \$724,839.00 in July of 2022 for the full allocated amount of \$1.4M. The City of Colusa has until December 31, 2026 to spend the monies on activities that help prevent the spread of Covid or to make up any loss in sales tax revenue due to Covid-19. During Covid 19 the City of Colusa saw an increase in tax revenue, not a loss. However, there are needs the city has that fit within the spending criteria of ARPA and alleviate future budgeting pressures. Any funds not spent by the end of December 2026 will be a forfeit and paid back to the State.

We have currently spent ARPA funds in the amount of \$271,311.00. This total accounts for the following:

Payroll for City of Colusa employees, \$106,20
(2) City of Colusa Police Dept. Vehicles, \$120,000
City of Colusa Police Dept. Radios \$45,035
Allocated for Broadband at City Hall \$75,000

I was asked to bring back a spending plan on the remaining funds available, a current total of **\$1,178,367.00**. The plan that I will be presenting is a 10,000 feet view of the spending plan, giving the city council the overview department needs. I will bring back a detailed cost of each item that we might be moving forward on.

The City of Colusa Police department is looking into the replacement of Pursuit Vehicle Radios, Server upgrades along with a UTV.

Colusa City Fire Department is looking into replacing a new Type 1 Fire Engine.

The Public Works Department is looking into the replacement of badly needed trucks and equipment.

City Hall is looking into the replacement of our accounting software, server, and upgrading the communications network Citywide in all departments.

I am also looking into the cost of hiring part-time employees to make repairs to City Hall in an effort to create more usable space that is safe for staff and public

All of the department heads will be working on getting details on each project to bring back to the council in the next couple of months.

BUDGET IMPACT: Unknown at this time.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Listen to Council and take direction