

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 06/29/2022

SUBJECT: Consideration of American Rescue Plan Act Funding Proposals

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

The Board of County Commissioners has discretionary authority over American Rescue Plan Act Funds and can make a motion funding any eligible proposal.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

In FY21, Deschutes County was awarded ~\$38.4 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through the Federal Government. To date, the County has obligated ~\$37.4 million of ARPA funds in support of coronavirus relief, childcare, affordable housing, small business financial support, expanded services to those experiencing houselessness and improvements in water infrastructure.

Planned ARPA funding proposal discussions include a Redmond Safe Parking Proposal that includes housing stability case management services for individuals experiencing houselessness, and a proposal for food assistance from the La Pine Senior Center.

ARPA discussion will conclude with a review of new, unfunded, eligible ARPA proposals, and an update on additional proposals we are reviewing for ARPA eligibility.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

The ARPA fund has approximately \$1 million in unappropriated funding that can be used for eligible ARPA proposals, as well as \$1.7 million in contingency for health focused responses to Covid-19 and its prevention.

ATTENDANCE:

Rick Russel, Redmond Mountain View Fellowship, Dan Emerson, Budget Manager