



CITY OF ORLAND STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: November 21, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council

FROM: City Manager Pete Carr

SUBJECT: **ARPA Budget Update (Discussion/Action)**

City Council will consider progress and status of its ARPA projects, may determine adjustments to be made to the ARPA budget.

BACKGROUND

The City received a total of \$1.872M in Covid-relief funding as part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Funds are intended to help offset lost potential revenues due to the prolonged economic shutdown. Council has engaged in many conversations and several actions to incrementally allocate ARPA funds for numerous specific projects benefiting the community – primarily in public safety, quality of life services and local business support. The ARPA worksheet was included in the FY23-24 City budget, and was reviewed most recently by Council September 5th.

Separately, Council also set aside in 2021 a portion of CV2/3 funds for Library facility improvements with the balance going to a Cities-County partnership to distribute grants to small businesses. These grants were in addition to the earlier CV1 grant program for small businesses, SBDA grants for businesses, PPP, and the current Glenn County Stabilization Grant Program, but have generally been undersubscribed. The library project portion of these funds is currently in progress, in conjunction with State Library grant funding for capital improvements.

ANALYSIS

Most ARPA programs and projects are completed or underway, proceeding according to budget plan. A few have not yet been started, but there is not a use-it-or-lose-it time pressure for City ARPA funds. No projects are indicating over-budgeting at this time.

The relatively small remaining available balance of \$80k was reduced on November 7th by allocation of \$25k to a cat population reduction program in partnership with the County, leaving a net balance of available funds of \$55k.

It does not appear that the allocated \$50,000 for EV charging stations will be needed, as the City's private company partner will cover all costs for EV infrastructure. The Council could eliminate this allocation and consider these funds available for re-allocation.

Suggested beneficial uses for these funds include:

A. Allocation of up to \$20,000 to Orland Public Works for acquisition of trees for City parks. This is in addition to the ongoing budget for replacement of street landscaping trees. We have a plan, recommended by the Tree Committee, for each park. The park trees would be planted in coming months by the City.

B. Allocation of up to \$20,000 to enhance a December re-launch of Queen Bee Bucks for support of local small brick & mortar businesses. In a new launch, the City renews its marketing, covers the purchaser fee and awards a bonus gift card for each of the first two gift cards purchased. The gift cards can only be used at participating Orland businesses.

C. Retention of all or part of the \$55k (and the EV \$50k) against future project needs.

Attachment: Use of ARPA Funds Worksheet as of November 21, 2023

RECOMMENDATION

Allocate remaining funds as desired.

Fiscal Impact of Recommendation: Depends on motion, up to \$55,000 in ARPA funds.