



CITY OF ORLAND STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: November 19, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Pete Carr, City Manager

SUBJECT: **Update to ARPA Project Budget including Feline Population Reduction and Queen Bee Bucks (Discussion/Direction)**

Background:

See historical background in May 21, 2024 agenda packet. ARPA funds were intended to help communities recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic business shutdown, with its direct impact on small business and its indirect impact on agency revenues. This was in addition to three rounds of other Covid-relief funding which provided direct grants to qualified small businesses.

Orland selected a variety of public safety, business support, parks improvements and other uses for ARPA funds. On May 21st, the City Council reviewed the current use of funds and balances available as listed in the attached worksheet.

The Council revisited this list October 15th and determined all projects and budget categories were in alignment with objectives, but questioned whether the City should proceed on its own for what was previously planned to be a feline population reduction program in partnership with the County.

Analysis:

1. On further review after the October 15th meeting, Staff identified a needed correction to the ARPA Use of Funds line items based on decisions made by the Council in late 2023. Hence, the attached list this evening reflects the elimination of EV chargers as a funded project, the inclusion of repainting City Hall and the 824 4th St buildings and adding trees to parks, and additional funding for Queen Bee Bucks – changes made in November and December 2023 but not reflected on the 2024 worksheets.
2. The County Board of Supervisors on November 12th agreed to partner with Orland on a feline population reduction program, but added in dogs as included in the spay/neuter reimbursement program. The Board allocated \$25,000 of its ARPA funds and directed County staff to work with GCSO and Orland to plan the logistics of the program.
3. An additional \$22k remains unallocated and available for designated allocation or retention in the General Fund.
4. The EDC on November 14th agreed to recommend that Council add \$20k funding to start another round of Queen Bee Bucks BOGO in December.

Attachment: ARPA Funds Worksheet October 15, 2024 corrected

Recommendation:

Accept the corrected worksheet and direct Staff as to the cat/dog program and the Queen Bee Bucks program.

Fiscal Impact of Recommendation:

None. Orland's ARPA account is an internally designated category of the General Fund.