



CITY OF ORLAND STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: October 15, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Pete Carr, City Manager

SUBJECT: **Update to ARPA project budget** (Discussion/Direction/Action)

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.

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

Analysis:

Use of Funds line items are updated as follows:

- * The EV charging stations project (line item #7) remains stymied while the industry reconsiders its investments and our agreement with Rivian remains unsigned. This \$50k can remain or be reallocated.
- * The Facade Improvement Program (#8) continues to be accessed by local small business from time to time. There are several pending projects now.
- * The Streetscapes project (#9) is in progress, is going well and has less than \$20k remaining balance.
- * Erection of the tall steel poles for the Lely ballfield lighting project (#10) needs to be rebid this fall or winter. This project is being augmented by ARPA funds from the County.
- * The welcome sign for the east entrance of the city (#14) has not yet been designed. Recently, the EDC suggested the City seek a permit from Caltrans to install monument signage at the I-5 interchange, welcoming people to Orland and announcing it as the Queen Bee Capital, complementing the art sculptures. Any such monuments could be expected to cost every bit of the \$30,000 and more.
- * While the city BOGO is no longer offered for the Queen Bee Bucks program and thus sales of new cards have dwindled to a trickle, we are approaching the \$200,000 mark for Queen Bee Bucks redemptions -- and all of this at locally-owned mom & pop stores and restaurants.
- * The program to reduce the feral cat population (#19) has not yet started due to a yet-pending partnership agreement with the County. City Council may wish to reprogram this money or direct staff to proceed solely on a City basis.

An additional \$25k remains intentionally unallocated and available for designated allocation or retention in the General Fund.

Attachment: ARPA Funds Worksheet 10.08.24

Recommendation:

Direct Staff.

Fiscal Impact of Recommendation:

Depends on direction provided to Staff. Orland's ARPA account is an internally designated category of the General Fund.