



## STAFF REPORT

**Report To:** Board of Supervisors

**Meeting Date:** August 18, 2022

**Staff Contact:** Mirjana Gavric, Carson City Grants Administrator and Nicki Aaker, Director, Carson City Health and Human Services

**Agenda Title:** For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors from the Board of Health to recognize that both unsheltered individuals and emergency housing are critical issues in Carson City and that the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") funding be awarded for programs that support unsheltered individuals and emergency housing, as well as the Carson City Housing Plan ("Housing Plan"). (Nicki Aaker, [naaker@carson.org](mailto:naaker@carson.org); and Mirjana Gavric, [mgavric@carson.org](mailto:mgavric@carson.org))

Staff Summary: On August 5, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved Carson City's Plan of Expenditure for ARPA funding for services to address mental health and substance abuse treatment, crisis intervention and other behavioral health services, and affordable housing/rent subsidies/homelessness. Carson City has seen a significant increase in the homeless population in the last few years. The Carson City Housing Committee ("Committee") was created to develop a comprehensive housing plan with the goal of assisting the Carson City homeless population in transitioning from being unsheltered to sheltered.

**Agenda Action:** Formal Action / Motion

**Time Requested:** 15 min

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### **Proposed Motion**

I move to accept the recommendation from the Board of Health as presented, and direct staff to implement the recommendation as necessary.

### **Board's Strategic Goal**

Quality of Life

### **Previous Action**

At the August 5, 2021, Board of Supervisors meeting, the Carson City's Plan of Expenditure for ARPA funding was approved.

At the February 25, 2022, Special Workshop of the Board of Supervisors, the ARPA Funding Plan of Expenditure was refined.

### **Background/Issues & Analysis**

The Committee is comprised of individuals with a wide range of expertise and includes representatives of Carson City Health and Human Services, Carson City leadership, the Carson City Community Development Department, Carson Tahoe Regional Healthcare, Friends in Service Helping, Nevada Rural Housing Authority and the State of Nevada Department of Business and Industry Housing Division. The Committee also includes homeless advocates, housing developers, individuals who have experienced homelessness, multi-unit housing owners and realtors.

The Committee has been working on the Housing Plan since December 2021. The Housing Plan takes into consideration that individuals transitioning off the streets are not immediately prepared to meet the criteria required to live in permanent housing. Therefore, the Housing Plan includes the following three phases to assist these individuals with obtaining independent and permanent housing:

- (1) a street outreach program;
- (2) live-in modular sheltering and group living housing; and
- (3) transition to independent and stable housing.

During all these phases, the individuals will have access to intensive case management to assist with barriers and challenges to independent living.

The Board of Health is recommending the use of ARPA funding to begin implementing the Housing Plan if the Board of Supervisors accepts the recommendation from the Board of Health and formally recognizes that unsheltered individuals and emergency housing are a critical issue in Carson City. Previously, the remaining ARPA funding amount of approximately \$1.1 million was reserved by the Board of Supervisors for allocation to nonprofit organizations.

**Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation**

N/A

**Financial Information**

**Is there a fiscal impact?** Yes

**If yes, account name/number:** 2750600-501225, G070121010 - ARPA Funding

**Is it currently budgeted?** Yes

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact:** Remaining available ARPA Funding, originally set aside for non-profit grants is \$1,090,414, this funding must be spent by December 31, 2024.

**Alternatives**

Do not accept the recommendation and/or provide alternative direction to staff.

**Attachments:**

**Board Action Taken:**

Motion: _____	1) _____	Aye/Nay
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