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Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
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SUBJECT: Approval of Recommended American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Budget Adjustments in the Amount of \$54,975,459 Related to the List of Previously Approved ARPA Projects and the County's Revised Funding and Reporting Strategy (Recommendations #1 and #2 Require 4/5ths vote)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Authorize the Auditor Controller to process the accounting transactions necessary to establish unanticipated revenue and adjust fund balance as associated with the utilization of the ARPA SLFRF as Provision of Government Services (requires 4/5ths vote):

INCREASE	2100 DAO	Intergovernmental Revenue	\$15,544,063
INCREASE	2200 PDO	Intergovernmental Revenue	\$5,908,831
INCREASE	2500 SHF	Intergovernmental Revenue	\$8,740,486
INCREASE	2550 SHF	Intergovernmental Revenue	\$19,488,766
INCREASE	2600 VCP	Intergovernmental Revenue	\$5,293,313
INCREASE	G001	General Fund – Fund Balance	\$54,975,459

Assigned to Fiscal Recovery Projects

2. Authorize the Auditor Controller to process the accounting transactions necessary to establish appropriations and adjust fund balance to provide funding for approved Fiscal Recovery Projects (requires 4/5ths vote):

General Fund

INCREASE	1030 CEO	Services and Supplies	\$1,000,000
INCREASE	1050 CEO	Services and Supplies	\$13,660,000
INCREASE	1050 CEO	Other Charges	\$10,500,000
INCREASE	1050 CEO	Other Financing Uses	\$1,000,000
INCREASE	1060 CEO	Building and Improvements (4111)	\$750,000
INCREASE	1060 CEO	Public Safety – Emergency Preparation Facility (4245)	\$3,000,000

INCREASE	1060 CEO	Lewis Road Campus (4246)	\$10,000,000
INCREASE	1060 CEO	Mass Care & Shelter Warehouse (4254)	\$1,000,000
INCREASE	G001	General Fund – Fund Balance Assigned to Program Mitigation	\$4,750,000
DECREASE	G001	General Fund – Fund Balance Assigned to Fiscal Recovery Projects	\$45,660,000

Non-General Fund

Fund: S700 Watershed Protection Administration

INCREASE	4200 PWA	Services and Supplies	\$1,000,000
INCREASE	4200 PWA	Other Financing Sources	\$1,000,000

BACKGROUND:

On March 14, 2023, your Board approved appropriation of just over \$104M of the County's SLFRF \$164.3M allocation. That recommendation and approval was the latest in a sequence of steps for staff to carry out the County's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Plan and strategy for the use of direct State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) funding from the US Treasury Department.

On November 16, 2021, your Board was presented with a report by the County Executive Office (CEO) on the County's preliminary Funding Plan and priorities for the approximately \$164.3M in direct SLFRF funding the County expected to receive through ARPA. The November 2021 update followed a previous report to your Board on October 5, 2021 that discussed the approximately \$392M in federal, state, and local funds that had been expended by the County to date on COVID-19 response and recovery, as well as information and background on ARPA and the SLFRF.

On April 26, 2022, your Board authorized the CEO to reserve \$65.3M in SLFRF funds for various additional future projects. Taking together the approximately \$7.4M in SLFRF funding already approved for projects by your Board prior to the April 2022 recommendation, and the \$65.3M in SLFRF funding from the April 2022 recommendation, this left approximately \$91.6M of the County's total \$164.3M SLFRF allocation remaining to consider for funding additional programs and projects.

On October 11, 2022, your Board approved the Funding Plan for the County's entire \$164.3M SLFRF allocation, reserving SLFRF funds for approximately 40 projects and programs. On December 13, 2022, your Board approved the reporting and expenditure of SLFRF funds in the form of Provision of Government Services as defined by Treasury and used towards General Fund costs, which would result in providing surplus General Fund funding for the previously approved list of 40 projects.

DISCUSSION:

The recommendations before your Board today authorize the needed accounting transactions to recognize the balance of SLFRF funds remaining after the March 14, 2023 Board action. These recommendations will authorize staff to bring in the remaining \$54,975,459 in SLFRF funds currently held in Trust to the General Fund and, in parallel, provide appropriations for the remaining Fiscal Recovery Projects that were not included in the March 14, 2023 recommendation.

The specific list of projects and the appropriations being requested today are detailed in Exhibit 1. This project listing and the associated appropriations reflect a shift from the October 11, 2022 funding plan in two areas.

First, the Piru Wastewater Treatment Plant project approved by your Board on November 16, 2021 and already under construction has experienced a significant number of change orders and requires a necessary expansion of scope. Because of these developments the project needs an additional \$2M in funding on top of the \$4M in SLFRF funding already approved by your Board. To help make up for this amount, the Public Works Agency (PWA) requests and the CEO recommends shifting the \$1.25M in funding set aside for the Piru Solar Project to help offset this \$2M funding need for the Piru Wastewater Project. PWA anticipates bringing to your Board in July 2023 the recommendation to approve the expanded scope, contract, and funding for this increase.

Next, the October 11, 2022 funding plan had initially set aside \$6M for rehabilitation of a County owned facility that will be used for public safety & emergency preparedness, as well as \$4M that was set aside for a mass care supply warehouse and backup EOC. Due to changing operational needs related to the County facility rehabilitation project, the CEO recommends shifting \$3M of the \$4M set aside for the mass care supply warehouse & backup EOC project to the \$6M County facility rehabilitation project. This would leave \$1M remaining for the mass care supply warehouse for use by the HCA Emergency Medical Services (EMS) department and include the planned backup EOC to now be a part of the \$6M County public safety rehabilitation project, increasing that project from an initial estimated \$6M cost to a new total of \$9M. Note this change in the funding plan results in no net increase in funding needs, but rather moves some of the funding from one project to another.

As stated in the March 11, 2023 item, these steps being recommended to your Board today create the funding mechanism necessary for the list of previously approved projects to be directly funded by the General Fund. This administrative convenience will allow County departments and project champions to complete the process of final scoping and structure for the projects. As previously stated to your Board, as those steps are completed, staff leading the various projects will return to your Board for final project approvals including agreements, scope, design, budget, potential environmental reviews, and timeline.

The Auditor-Controller's Office and County Counsel have reviewed this letter. If you have any questions concerning this item, please contact Mike Kumazawa at (805) 477-7232.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott Powers". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Scott Powers
Senior Deputy Executive Officer

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Sevet Johnson, PsyD
County Executive Officer

Exhibit 1 – Recommended Appropriations by Project Final List