



## AGENDA COVER MEMO

Memorandum Date: September 19, 2023

Meeting Date: October 10, 2023

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TO: Board of County Commissioners

DEPARTMENT: County Administration/Policy Division, American Rescue Plan (ARP) Administration

PRESENTED BY: Alexandria Dreher, American Rescue Plan Manager

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Board Order/ In the Matter of Amending American Rescue Plan Allocations for Five Projects Supporting Homeless and Housing Services

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### I. MOTION

Move to Amend American Rescue Plan Allocations for Five Projects Supporting Homeless and Housing Services.

### II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

The purpose of this item is to amend American Rescue Plan allocations for five projects that support homeless and housing services. Proposed changes will have a net zero budget impact, and will allow Lane County Health & Human Services to meet their programmatic needs in light of changing investments from the State of Oregon.

### III. BACKGROUND/IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

#### A. Board Action and Other History

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, which provided \$1.9 trillion in stimulus to aid in the COVID-19 pandemic.

Within the ARPA, the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSLFRF) provided \$350 billion directly to states, municipalities, counties, tribes, and territories, including \$65.1 billion in direct allocation to counties. Lane County received a direct allocation of \$74,212,036. The funds were placed in a separate special revenue fund specifically designated for ARPA approved projects as

previously established in Board Order #21-05-04-08.

ARP funds in the amount of \$54,878,000 were allocated to projects in Board Order 21-12-14-08; \$9,949,000 were allocated to projects in Board Order 22-03-29-14, and \$165,000 were allocated in Board Order 22-06-21-15. After a competitive process, the Board awarded a total of \$3 million in community grants to 17 organizations through Board Order 22-08-23-06 (the amount originally allocated in Board Order 21-12-14-08). The remainder of Lane County's direct ARPA award funds were allocated with the FY23 Supplemental Budget #3 in Board Order #23-03-21-01.

Lane County submits quarterly project and expenditure reports to the Department of Treasury, as well as Annual Recovery Plans. All compliance reports are posted publicly on our website at [www.LaneCounty.org/ARPA](http://www.LaneCounty.org/ARPA).

B. Policy Issues

Lane County's budget and financial management policies support the County's Strategic Plan priorities and the commitment to open and accountable government and wise stewardship of public funds.

C. Board Goals

This item supports Lane County Strategic Plan priority "Our People and Organizational Health," Objective C Item 2 "Strategically manage the infusion of one-time federal and state dollars and leverage grant opportunities."

D. Financial and/or Resource Considerations

Proposed allocation amendments will allow Lane County to better meet the emerging programmatic needs to address homeless and housing services. There is a net zero dollar change in ARPA investments.

E. Health Implications

Multiple sources of scholarly research demonstrate that people experiencing homelessness have higher rates of illness, and live an average of 12 years less than the general population. These ARPA-funded projects support life-saving street outreach services, permanent supportive housing, emergency shelter, and nonprofits that serve people experiencing homelessness.

F. Analysis

Original projections of funding needs for American Rescue Plan allocations were prepared in November 2021. Since then, the Oregon legislature has convened twice and revised investments in homeless services and housing development. Oregon has elected a new governor who issued executive orders related to homelessness and

housing. To this end, the existing ARPA allocations for five projects that significantly address homeless and housing services seek revision, with no overall dollar change. Despite state investments in housing and homeless services, there are few funding sources available for permanent supportive housing, which is an investment in people with disabilities who have the most barriers to successfully remaining housed. The proposed budget adjustments across projects will allow Lane County to meet its programmatic needs for homeless and housing services given changing state investments.

The projects affected by this board order are as follows:

- Homeless Street Outreach Services (ARPA028)
- Homeless and Housing System Operations (ARPA029)
- Permanent Supportive Housing and Associated Support Services (ARPA060)
- Provider Network Capacity Building (ARPA064)
- Shelter and Navigation Services for People Experiencing Homelessness (ARPA070)

| PROJECT                       | Outreach<br>ARPA028 | System<br>Operations<br>ARPA029 | Permanent<br>Supportive<br>Housing<br>ARPA060 | Provider<br>Network<br>Capacity<br>Building<br>ARPA064 | Emergency<br>Shelter<br>ARPA070 | TOTAL        |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| INITIAL<br>AWARD              | \$2,468,000         | \$2,009,000                     | \$443,000                                     | \$1,426,000                                            | \$4,560,000                     | \$10,906,000 |
| BUDGET<br>CHANGE<br>REQUESTED | (\$55,000)          | (\$358,200)                     | \$408,700                                     | (\$140,000)                                            | \$144,500                       |              |
| REVISED<br>AWARD<br>REQUESTED | \$2,413,000         | \$1,650,800                     | \$851,700                                     | \$1,286,000                                            | \$4,704,500                     | \$10,906,000 |
| Budget<br>Change %<br>Award   | -2%                 | -18%                            | 92%                                           | -10%                                                   | 3%                              | 0%           |

G. Alternatives/Options

Lane County staff continue to seek funding for housing and homeless services. If no action is taken, Lane County will need to seek other sources of revenue for these important services to ensure people with disabilities remain housed.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend that the Board of County Commissioners amend the allocations for these five projects that address homeless and housing services, with a net zero dollar award change.

V. TIMING/IMPLEMENTATION

Staff will proceed as directed by the Board.

VI. FOLLOW-UP

Staff will follow-up in future American Rescue Plan reporting to the Board.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

None.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO: 23-10-10-02

In the Matter of Amending American Rescue Plan Allocations for Five Projects Supporting Homeless and Housing Services.

**WHEREAS**, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 was passed by the 117th United States Congress and signed into law by President Joe Biden on March 11, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Rescue Plan Act provided \$65.1 billion in direct allocation to counties.

**WHEREAS**, Lane County received \$74,212,036 in direct American Rescue Plan Act funds,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners allocated American Rescue Plan Act funds for homeless and housing services, among others, with board order 21-12-14-08;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDERS** as follows:

Allocations for the following American Rescue Plan projects be amended:

1. Homeless Street Outreach Services (ARPA028) total allocation is amended from \$2,468,000 to \$2,413,000.
2. Homeless and Housing System Operations (ARPA029) total allocation is amended from \$2,009,000 to \$1,650,800.
3. Permanent Supportive Housing and Associated Support Services (ARPA060) total allocation is amended from \$443,000 to \$851,700.
4. Provider Network Capacity Building (ARPA064) total allocation is amended from \$1,426,000 to \$1,286,000.
5. Shelter and Navigation Services for People Experiencing Homelessness (ARPA070) total allocation is amended from \$4,560,000 to \$4,704,500.

**ADOPTED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

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Pat Farr, Chair  
Lane County Board of Commissioners