



# **ARPA Special Committee**

## **Project Status / Reallocation Recommendations**

**County Administrator's Office  
August 2, 2024**

# Background

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- **Lake County has appropriated \$135,293,758 of State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds received through the American Rescue Plan Act.**
- **Funded 81 projects and initiatives across various investment groups**
  - **Household Assistance**
  - **Infrastructure & Facilities**
  - **Economic & Business**
  - **Public Health**
  - **County Operations**
  - **Revenue Replacement (non-direct eligible)**

# Reallocation Considerations

## Eligible Costs Timeline

- **Obligation of funds needs to occur by December 31, 2024.**
  - “Eligible Costs Timeframe. For eligible use categories described in the 2022 final rule, your organization, as a recipient of an SLFRF award, may use SLFRF funds to cover eligible costs that your organization incurred during the period that begins on March 3, 2021 and ends on December 31, 2024, as long as the award funds for the obligations incurred by December 31, 2024 are expended by December 31, 2026.” – UST Compliance Guidance
- **Previous direction (March, 2024):**
  - **Audit all projects after July 1, 2024**
    - Those initiatives not spending at appropriate rate will be rescinded, funds recaptured
  - **Focus on internal initiatives to ensure timely planning and obligation**

# Reallocation Considerations

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- **Completed audit of existing 81 projects**
- **Considerations**
  - **Project start date**
  - **Project completion dates**
  - **Funds remaining**
  - **Possibility of contracting by end of 2024**
- **Estimated \$9,569,328 requires reallocation based on projects removed, completed with remainder, projects with contracting limits**

# Internal Solicitation

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- Requested project and program submission requests from County department heads and County-wide elected officials
- Received 23 requests from 8 departments at value of \$26.2M
- Consultant completed review and prioritized based on:
  - ARPA eligibility of request
  - Scoring criteria focused on impact in relation to effort, project readiness, alignment with Lake County strategic plan, fiscal sustainability, project risk, project performance tracking, how other funds have been leveraged, and the project's evidence and equity basis.

# Recommendations

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- Staff recommends a selection of 10 projects based on the prioritized scoring
- Flexibility is available with the final project types in the stretch leading to December 31, 2024:
  - Eviction Mediation & Prevention Programs
  - Infrastructure Projects



## **Questions / Discussion**