

STAFF REPORT

Date: May 8, 2024

To: Mayor and City Council

Through: Doug Thornley, City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of the allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) to the City of Reno’s Parks and Recreation Department for a pilot pedal boat program at Virginia Lake in the amount of \$8,000 from ward-specific allocated funds. (General Fund)

From: Karina Mercier, Project Manager

Department: Parks and Recreation

Summary:

Vice Mayor Duerr would like to allocate \$8,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) allocation plan adopted by Council at the August 25, 2021, Council meeting to the City of Reno’s Parks and Recreation Department. These funds will be used for a pilot pedal boat program at Virginia Lake. This amount will be drawn from ward-specific allocated funds. The pilot pedal boat program will take place over two weekends: May 11, 2024, thru May 12, 2024; and May 25, 2024, thru May 27, 2024. The owner/operator will be in charge of all transport as well as safety protocols for all participants.

Consent Review	Yes	No
1. Is this item an annual or standard item that comes before Council for regular approval?	X	
2. Is this item an agreement required based on an item previously approved by Council?		X
3. Is this item included in the current budget approved and adopted by Council?	X	
Other Considerations		
What percent of the total City budget does this item represent?	0.00%	

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Arts, Parks, and Historical Resources

Previous Council Action:

August 25, 2021 - Council allocated \$70,000 to each Reno ward for ward-specific projects.

August 25, 2021 - Council accepted the \$51,519, 997 in SLFRF allocated through ARPA.

Background:

The City of Reno received \$51,519, 997 in SLFRF and began allocating funds on August 25, 2021. Council allocated \$70,000 to each Reno ward for ward-specific projects. Vice Mayor Duerr has identified a critical need for increased programming and activation at Virginia Lake Park. This aligns with Goal 6 of the strategic plan, Arts, Parks, and Historical Resources, by activating a city park and providing additional recreational opportunities for residents and park visitors. By funding this pilot program, it will give the City an opportunity to see if this is a program worth investing in for the future.

Discussion:**Financial Implications:**

ARPA funds have been allocated to each ward to fund projects.

Legal Implications:

Legal review completed for compliance with City procedures and Nevada law.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Council reallocation of funds.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments: