

## 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 Housing and Neighborhood Development (HAND) Department for the programming of E-Waste and Hazardous Waste Disposal at the City of Reno Ward 5 Community Clean Up in the amount of \$4,315.33 from ward-specific allocated funds. (General Fund)

**From:** Abigail Mayorga, Community Liaison

**Department:** City Manager's Office

---

### Summary:

Councilmember Taylor would like to allocate \$4,315.33 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 Housing and Neighborhood Development (HAND) Department. These funds will be used to continue programming of E-Waste and Hazardous Waste Disposal at the City of Reno Ward 5 Community Clean Up. This amount will be drawn from ward-specific allocated funds.

During the 2023 spring and fall Community clean-ups the quantities of waste collected included:

- 1,680 yards of unwanted household items in Waste Management bins
- 29,230 lbs of electronic waste
- 33,731 lbs of hazardous waste
- 45,001 lbs of paint
- 142 bikes donated to local organizations
- 476 lbs of lithium batteries diverted from the landfill

Over time, the City of Reno has a goal of reducing improper waste disposal, which could have harmful impacts on our landfills, stormwater, and open space.

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

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:**

Infrastructure, Climate Change, and Environmental Sustainability

**Previous Council Action:**

March 8, 2023 – Council allocated \$50,000 to the Recycling Program for Hazardous & E-Recycling.

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

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

**Background:**

The City of Reno received \$51,519, 997 from SLFRF and began allocating funds on August 25, 2021. Council allocated \$70,000 to each Reno ward for ward-specific projects and \$50,000 for the Recycling Program for Hazardous & E-Recycling. HAND has identified a critical need for E-Waste and Hazardous Waste Disposal to be provided at City of Reno community clean-ups. This aligns with Goal E of the strategic plan, environmental sustainability, specifically strategy eight, minimizing the environmental impacts of municipal operations, guided by the Climate Action Plan.

**Financial Implications:**

This will be funded by ward-specific ARPA funds.

**Legal Implications:**

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

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends Council approve the reallocation of funds.

**Proposed Motion:**

I move to approve staff recommendation.

**Attachments:**