



City Manager's Office

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 12/27/2022

TO: Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Doug Thornley, City Manager Approved Electronically

FROM: Calli Wilsey, Director of Policy and Strategy

SUBJECT: FY 2023 Federal Appropriations for the City of Reno (Community Project Funding Requests Update)

President Joe Biden is poised to sign a \$1.7 trillion omnibus spending bill to fund federal government operations and programs through September 2023. Congress passed the package of appropriations bills last week. The budget includes direct funding to government and nonprofit entities for specific projects through the Community Project Funding process, formerly referred to as earmarks. Supported by various members of the Nevada delegation, the City of Reno is set to receive \$3.8 million for the following three projects:

- Reno Police Department Forensics Software and Equipment (\$1.5 million) – For equipment and software to document crime scenes and conduct investigations.
- Booth Street Sewer Siphon (\$1.5 million) – For the replacement of the aging and undersized Booth Street sewer siphon, a project in the City's Capital Improvement Plan.
- Rooftop Solar at the Moana Aquatics and Fitness Center (\$800,000) – For the installation of rooftop solar at the new public facility that is under construction.

While the City did not receive funding for its other two requests (paved trail restoration and electric vehicle infrastructure at the Moana pool site), the appropriations bill allocates funding to other projects benefitting the City and its goals. The Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility will receive \$800,000 to update the chemical disinfection process. RTC will receive \$4 million for the Lemmon Drive project, a reconstruction of 3.7 miles of roadway between Fleetwood Drive and Ramsey Way and includes multi-modal improvements. RTC is also set to receive \$3 million for its maintenance facility replacement project. Northern Nevada HOPES, in conjunction with Washoe County, will receive \$2 million to support the construction of a new federally qualified health center at the Cares Campus. The Reno-Tahoe Airport will receive \$3.5 million for Terminal Road improvements.

Staff will be in touch with federal legislative staff to get additional information regarding possibilities for fiscal year 2024.