



City Manager's Office

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 11, 2024

TO: Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Doug Thornley, City Manager **Approved Electronically**

FROM: Nic Ciccone, Government Affairs Manager

SUBJECT: FY 2024 Federal Appropriations for the City of Reno (Community Project Funding Requests Update)

President Joe Biden signed a \$459 billion six-bill spending package to fund federal government operations and programs through September 2024 on Saturday, March 9th. Congress passed the package of appropriations bills on Friday, March 8, with another six-bill spending package still pending Congressional approval. The approved bills include 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 is set to receive \$6.37 million in this first set of spending bills for 4 of the 6 projects the City submitted.

<i>Project No.</i>	<i>Project Title</i>	<i>CPF Amount</i>
1	California Building Rehabilitation	\$870,000
2	School Zone Solar Flashing Beacons	\$1,000,000
3	Island 8 Septic to Sewer Phase 2	\$3,000,000
4	Police Department Wellness Initiatives	\$1,500,000
	Sub-Total	\$6,370,000
5	<i>Swan Lake Irrigation (pending)</i>	\$2,870,000
	Total	\$9,240,000

The Swan Lake irrigation proposal is set to be included in the next six-bill spending package pending approval. While the city did not receive funding for its one other request (Reno Fire Station 4 Rehabilitation), the appropriations bill allocates funding to other regional projects benefiting the city and its goals. There is a chance that Congress will not enact the second set of budget bills and instead fund those agencies at their FY 2023 levels. The likely result of that would be a one percent across-the-board cut to all budget bills (including the ones approved in the first six-bill package) and the elimination of any earmarks included in the second six-bill group including the Swan Lake project).

Staff are currently working with the delegation on Community Project Funding requests for Federal Fiscal Year 25 and will provide an update in the coming days.

Summary of Projects Included in the March 8, 2024, Six-Bill Spending Package

City of Reno Projects

1. California Building Rehabilitation – \$870,000 in HUD funds

The Rehabilitation for Historic California Building project will fund renovations to the interior and exterior of the City of Reno’s historic California Building.

2. School Zone Solar Flashing Beacons – \$1,000,000 in DOT funds

The School Zone Flashing Beacons Systems project will fund the installation of solar-powered school zone flashers in 56 school zones to improve safety.

3. Island 8 Septic to Sewer Phase 2 – \$3,000,000 in EPA funds

The Island 8 Septic to Sewer Conversion project will install sewer mains in the McCloud, Reno neighborhood and connect to the City of Reno sewer mains.

4. Police Department Wellness Initiatives – \$1,500,000 in Justice Department funds

The City of Reno will use this funding to support peer mentor mental health and wellness initiatives within the Reno Police Department.

Regional Projects

Washoe County – Forensics and Rapid DNA – \$996,000

The Reno Police Department, Sparks Police Department, and the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office will use these funds to purchase Rapid DNA instruments as part of a pilot program.

Washoe County – Stormwater Management Project - \$1,932,000

The Bailey Creek Stormwater Mitigation project will realign portions of Bailey Creek Park’s drainage infrastructure to improve hydraulic flow, armoring, and utility relocation.

Reno Tahoe Airport Authority –Rescue & Firefighting Apparatus Replacement – \$911,000

The Airport Rescue & Firefighting Apparatus Replacement project will allow the Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority to purchase a new Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) vehicle.

City of Sparks – The Oddie Boulevard Community Center Project – \$4,000,000

The Oddie Boulevard Community Center Project will fund building improvements and renovations to create a community service center with childcare space, workforce training opportunities, community education, and meeting spaces.
