



City Manager's Office

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 28, 2024

TO: Mayor and City Council

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

FROM: Nic Ciccone, Government Affairs Manager

SUBJECT: FY 2025 Community Project Funding Requests

As a part of the 2025 federal appropriations process, we have been notified by the Congressional delegation that community project funding (CPF) requests, formerly referred to as “earmarks,” would return for a fourth year. This process allows Congress to request funding for projects for government and nonprofit entities.

Each individual member of northern Nevada’s federal delegation accepted applications through the CPF process. Staff reviewed successful applications from previous years and received feedback from the delegation about the competitive process. With this guidance in mind, staff submitted five projects that align with Council priorities, the 2020-2025 strategic plan, the City’s Capital Improvement Program, and that qualify for funding through the specific federal agency accounts that the House and Senate appropriations committees have declared to be suitable for requests.

This year, the City received a request from Sky Tavern to partner with them on a CPF request. The Senate delegation does not accept applications directly from non-profits. The City has applied for and will administer funds for the project. All other funding will be provided by the Sky Tavern team. The list of projects that have been submitted this year includes:

Reference No.	Project	Requested Amount
1	Neighborhood Streets Program – East University Phase 2	\$4,000,000
2	Reno Police Department – Real Time Information Center (RTIC)	\$1,200,000
3	Evelyn Mount Northeast Community Center – Wellness Remodel	\$2,520,000
4	Truckee River Water Quality Improvement Project	\$2,203,000
5	Sky Tavern – Project Denali Water Tank Storage	\$1,403,171
	Total	\$11,326,171

Descriptions of City of Reno 2025 CPF Requests

1. Neighborhood Streets Program – East University Phase 2

Request Summary & Project Justification

The East University Phase 2 project is a street rehabilitation project encompassing the areas of 7th Street, 8th Street, Lake Street, and Record Street. The project will consist of pedestrian safety improvements, including ADA upgrades, as well as roadway replacement.

This project is in a disadvantaged neighborhood adjacent to the University of Nevada, Reno. Pedestrian safety and roadway improvements will benefit residents and students alike. The pedestrian safety improvements will also include needed ADA upgrades to ensure accessibility for all. This project will leverage the RTC Sixth Street for All project, funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation, by further connecting roadways with safe pedestrian access. Additionally, the project will enhance the existing transit network by connecting public transit access points with safe and accessible pedestrian routes.

City of Reno Strategic Plan Goal:

Goal E: Infrastructure, Climate Change, & Environmental Sustainability

Total Project Cost:

\$5,000,000

CPF Requested Amount:

\$4,000,000

Other Funding Sources:

Capital Improvement Fund

2. Reno Police Department – Real Time Information Center (RTIC)

Request Summary & Project Justification

The City of Reno Police Department's Real Time Information Center (RTIC) project will allow the Reno Police Department to purchase equipment and software to create a center that would fully embrace intelligence-lead policing, provide enhanced information for response to or deterrence of calls for service, increased investigatory capability, and overall greater public safety.

The proposal to allocate funding for the establishment of a RTIC by the Reno Police Department heralds a significant technological advancement with far-reaching implications for law enforcement operations and public safety. By centralizing data sources and providing real-time

situational awareness, the RTIC stands to revolutionize the department's ability to respond effectively to incidents and protect the community it serves.

City of Reno Strategic Plan Goal:

Goal B: Public Safety

Total Project Cost:

\$1,200,000

CPF Requested Amount:

\$1,200,000

Other Funding Sources:

N/A

3. Evelyn Mount Northeast Community Center – Wellness Remodel

Request Summary & Project Justification

The proposed project entails the modification and remodeling of the aging City of Reno's Evelyn Mount Northeast Community Center to establish a comprehensive whole health and wellness hub catering to the diverse needs of youth, families, and seniors. Located in an area lacking access to these services, this request seeks to modify the center into a vibrant space offering a wide array of amenities and services aimed at fostering physical, mental, and social well-being. Potential benefits to the community include enhanced access to whole health services, affordable and inclusive services, free senior programs, expanded recreational and fitness facilities, youth engagement and support, and addressing community needs.

The remodel will modify the north wing of the facility to allow increased capacity for wellness programming. The project will remove or modify walls, flooring, HVAC ducts, plumbing, and electrical. Desired outcome is to provide wholistic wellness opportunities in an underserved community.

City of Reno Strategic Plan Goal:

Goal D: Economic & Community Development

Total Project Cost:

\$3,150,000

CPF Requested Amount:

\$2,520,000

Other Funding Sources:

4. Truckee River Water Quality Improvement Project

Request Summary & Project Justification

The Truckee River Water Quality Improvement Project takes a three-pronged approach to address and improve the water quality of the Truckee River. The project includes equipment for cleanup of debris, bank stabilization to prevent or reduce the amount of sediment sent downriver, and increased visibility measures along the corridor to reduce illicit activity that continues to pollute our drinking water. The three approaches include:

- **Booth Street Bank Stabilization:** Damage to the north bank during the 1997 Truckee River flood was identified, including settling of trees, landscaping, and the sidewalk.
- **Debris Removal Equipment:** The Park and Recreation Department does not currently have equipment that allows them close enough access to the river to be able to remove vegetation and debris from the channel.
- **Cameras & Lighting:** There are sections of the Truckee River corridor from the Booth Street bridge to the Wells Avenue bridge that are unlit and unmonitored. Many of these areas are places that are prone to illegal dumping and camping as well as higher concentrations of human excrement along the riverbanks.

City of Reno Strategic Plan Goal:

Goal E: Infrastructure, Climate Change, & Environmental Sustainability

Total Project Cost:

\$2,753,800

CPF Requested Amount:

\$2,203,000

Other Funding Sources:

Sewer Enterprise Fund – Bank Stabilization

General Fund – Equipment & Lighting

5. Sky Tavern – Project Denali Water Tank Storage

Request Summary & Project Justification

Project Denali is installation of water storage for snowmaking and fire suppression support at Sky Tavern. The project will install water tanks and or a pond to facilitate the operations of Sky Tavern and help support local fire suppression systems. The system will slow the water runoff allowing the water to be further captured by the watershed. This project will also help to reduce the sediment downstream. The storage of water is critical for being able to supply water to the snowmaking system to ensure the ability to provide skiing programs to the children of Reno and surrounding areas.

City of Reno Strategic Plan Goal:

Goal F: Arts, Parks, & Historical Resources

Total Project Cost:

\$4,030,000

CPF Requested Amount:

\$1,403,171

Other Funding Sources:

Funding for this project will be provided by Sky Tavern including the cost to the City to administer the funds.