City of Reno
Project and Expenditure Report

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Project Overviews

The following projects have been identified and approved to be funded from March 3, 2021 – December 31, 2021. We will be identifying and rolling out additional projects over the next quarter.

Project 10301: Wastewater Surveillance of COVID-19 Disease Prevalence for Early Detection and Public Health Intervention

Expenditure Category

1.3 COVID-19 Contact Tracing

Project Description

Early detection of disease using wastewater analysis is a lead indicator that can assist health professionals on the infection rate and location of highest infection. This information could be used to assist with quarantine and stop the spread of the virus. This project is to conduct wastewater surveillance of COVID-19 disease prevalence for early detection and public health intervention. In conjunction with the City of Sparks, and Washoe County, wastewater analysis will be continued and methods will be refined to pinpoint locations with the highest concern for infection.

Expenditures

Current period obligation:
$0.00
Cumulative obligation:
$0.00
Current period expenditure:
$0.00
Cumulative expenditure:
$0.00

Status of Completion

Not started

Adopted Budget

$489,080.48

Project 10401: Hybrid Meeting Technology

Expenditure Category

1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, etc.)

Project Description

This project focuses on implementing a hybrid meeting solution that allows the City's boards and commissions to conduct meetings safely in a physical location while also allowing participation of members and the community through an online audio and video connection. The project includes three phases allowing for development of more immediate solutions while simultaneously implementing more complex and flexible options that can be sustained in the future.

Expenditures
Current period obligation:
$0.00
Cumulative obligation:
$0.00
Current period expenditure:
$104,460.58
Cumulative expenditure:
$104,460.58

Status of Completion
Completed 50 Percent or More

Adopted Budget
$200,000.00

Project 10402: Remote Work Equipment Required for City Staff Telework as Needed

Expenditure Category
1.4 Prevention in Congregate Settings (Nursing Homes, Prisons/Jails, Dense Work Sites, Schools, etc.)

Project Description
There are many advantages to having a telework program in place for government agencies including improved employee performance and engagement, efficiency, and collaboration with interdisciplinary teams. In addition, telework options provide a contingency plan for multiple events such as severe weather and pandemics. This project is to build a robust remote work program for City of Reno employees to work from home when needed/warranted to ensure the health and safety of our workforce and public. Funds will be used to purchase laptop computers and associated equipment/software required to allow for a full work from home program.

Expenditures
Current period obligation:
$0.00
Cumulative obligation:
$0.00
Current period expenditure:
$200,000.00
Cumulative expenditure:
$200,000.00

Status of Completion
Completed 50 Percent or More

Adopted Budget
$200,000.00

Project 10901: City COVID-19 Coordinator

Expenditure Category
1.9 Payroll Costs for Public Health, Safety, and Other Public Sector Staff Responding to COVID-19

Project Description
This project extends the contract for the City's EMS COVID coordinator position through June 30, 2022. This position has been instrumental in assisting the City with the necessary testing, contact tracing, compliance, mitigation, and response duties as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic. Through the coordination and management efforts provided by the coordinator, the City provided 10,400 vaccinations and more than 500 tests to City personnel and our community. Responsibilities of the position include:

- Assisting with developing the City's infectious disease (i.e. COVID-19 and influenza) strategies;
- Coordinating and managing all ongoing vaccination POD (COVID and influenza) activities for City employees and the community;
- Managing all ongoing COVID-19 testing;
- Acting as the City's infectious disease liaison with regional and state partners; and
- Assisting City leadership with ongoing mitigation efforts.

Furthermore, the coordinator is the point of contact for all federal and state agencies requesting access to or the collection of clean, valid, reliable, and timely data as it relates to vaccination, testing, training, and emergency medical services. The position ensures the data collected in the context of field visits and potential exposures are evaluated for attributes such as quality, definitions, timeliness, completeness, simplicity, generalizability, validity, and reliability.

Expenditures
Current period obligation:
$0.00
Cumulative obligation:
$0.00
Current period expenditure:
$0.00
Cumulative expenditure:
$0.00

Status of Completion
Not started

Adopted Budget
$90,000.00

Project 40201: Retention and Recruitment for Homeless Shelter Staff

Expenditure Category

4.2 Private Sector: Grants to other employers

Project Description

The COVID-19 pandemic's impacts have gone beyond traditional healthcare and public health response. Supporting the unsheltered population through a pandemic has presented many challenges, including the ability to retain and recruit staff to support critical shelter operations. There has been a 42 percent turnover rate at the CARES Campus, the region's primary low-barrier shelter, the last 12 months due to attrition and an inability to recruit effectively based on pay and the requirements of the job. The positions include outreach, housekeepers, case managers, and other support staff. ARPA identified a funding category to support essential workers by providing premium pay incentives for people working directly and in close physical contact with the community. This pay is only eligible for people earning 150 percent of the average annual salary in Washoe County. Based on the most recent data from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, that amounts to $77,235 annually. This pay can provide up to $13.00 an hour on top of current salary or $25,000 total additional pay a year. All positions receiving the premium pay option qualify under these requirements. The following premium pay structure has been developed to improve retention and support significant recruitment efforts related to sheltering operations. This program expired on December 31, 2021.

Expenditures

Current period obligation:

$200,648.25

Cumulative obligation:

$200,648.25

Current period expenditure:

$279,351.75

Cumulative expenditure:

$279.351.75

Status of Completion

Completed

Adopted Budget

$480,000.00

Additional Information

Civil Rights Compliance

In compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, The City of Reno ensures that no person, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.