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From: Hayes, Elishia
Sent: Friday, April 29, 2022 5:49 PM
To: Quincey, Sean; Miller, Tabatha
Subject: FW: American Rescue Plan Act's (ARPA)'s Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Request

These should be included in the ARPA budget as additional funding requests and as a discussion item in the proposed budget agenda item.



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April 29, 2022

To: Supervisor Bohn, Supervisor Bushnell, Supervisor Wilson, Supervisor Bass, and Supervisor Madrone
825 5th St
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Supervisor Bohn, Supervisor Bushnell, Supervisor Wilson, Supervisor Bass, and Supervisor Madrone,

On behalf of Scotia Community Services District, I am contacting you to respectfully request assistance for our District’s unmet needs stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic, sourced from the American Rescue Plan Act’s (ARPA)’s Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, of which Humboldt County was awarded \$26,330,552.00.

As you and fellow County leaders discuss priorities for the second and final tranche of the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, I ask that you consider utilizing the authority granted to the County in ARPA to transfer a portion of those funds to address the district’s ongoing COVID-19 impacts and ensure continuation of the essential local services we provide to our shared constituency.

ARPA gives counties the authority to transfer Fiscal Recovery Fund monies to special purpose units of state and local government for the *same eligible uses* as cities and counties. Among others, these uses include:

- pandemic-related expenditures,
- revenue losses,
- premium pay for essential workers, and
- necessary investments in water, wastewater, and broadband services.

Scotia Community Services District provides 681 residents in Scotia, CA (a severely disadvantaged community per the 2020 census) with water, wastewater, parks and recreation, streets and lighting, and storm drainage. To date, the District has experienced \$113,422.20 in fiscal impacts eligible under the ARPA’s Section 9901, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for lost public sector revenue and to provide premium pay for essential workers. A majority of our staff could not work remotely, and worked at the District throughout the pandemic. This funding would offer additional support to those staff who have borne and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical sectors. The funding would also assist a small number of our customers who have had particularly large outstanding balances, are on payment plans with the District, but need additional assistance to help cover their outstanding balances.

Revenue Loss/Hazard Pay		
Loss	Through June 30, 2021	Through Current 4/27/2022
Public Sector Revenue	\$20,414.05	\$63,350.17
Premium Pay (2 employees)	\$25,234.00	\$50,000 (capped amt. per employee)
Total	\$45,648.05	\$113,422.20

Unfortunately, special districts were not directly included in Coronavirus Relief Fund allocations to state and local governments. While the 2021-2022 State Budget provided some important new avenues for COVID-19 relief to California’s special districts, the Scotia Community Services District still has \$113,422.20 in *unmet* needs that are eligible for the Fiscal Recovery Fund.

The District’s request takes all available funding into consideration. The District is participating in the LIHWAP program, but we have no remaining avenues to request relief and are not receiving other state or federal funding for these purposes. Moreover, if we are not able to recover some funding, Scotia Community Services District may need to consider additional rate increases for the lost revenue from the pandemic. ARPA grants definitive authority to counties to transfer Local Fiscal Recovery Fund monies to special districts to address these needs for the communities we serve.

We look forward to working with you and your staff on this issue and appreciate your consideration. Please contact me at infoscotiabcd@gmail.com and 707-764-3030 to speak further about this request to help the District continue providing essential public services to your constituents. I stand ready to be a resource and answer questions or provide additional information.

Thank you,

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Leslie Marshall, General Manager

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