

OKANOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS'

RESOLUTION NO. 50- 2024

A resolution authorizing allocation of a portion of Okanogan County's state and local fiscal recovery funds provided by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to recruit additional attorney's needed for Indigent Defense

WHEREAS, On March 11, 2021 the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law which authorized the disbursement of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) to state, local, and Tribal governments (CFDA #21.027); and

WHEREAS, SLFRF funds were provided to remedy rising costs and falling revenues due to the COVID-19 public health pandemic and to continue to support the public health response and maintain and improve public sector operational capacities; and

WHEREAS, specifically, the ARPA provides that SLFRF funds may be used:

- a) To respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality
- b) To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers;
- c) For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency; and
- d) To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, under section C the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds final rule offers a standard allowance for revenue loss of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000.00), allowing recipients to select between a standard amount of revenue loss or complete a full revenue loss calculation; and

WHEREAS, recipients that select the standard allowance may use that amount for government services, and that, generally speaking, services provided by the recipient governments are "government services" under the interim final rule and final rule, unless Treasury has stated otherwise. Government services include, but are not limited to, maintenance or pay-go funded building of infrastructure, including roads; modernization of cybersecurity, including hardware, software, and protection of critical infrastructure; health services; environmental remediation; school or educational services; and the provision of police, fire, and other public safety services. Also, the aforementioned list of government services is not exclusive, and;

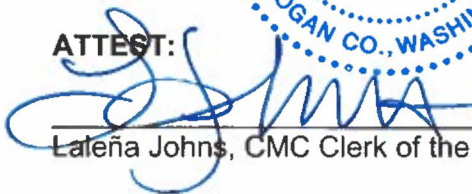
WHEREAS, Okanogan County has elected to take the standard allowance amount allowed by the SLFRF final rule to use the disbursement amount of \$8,205,208.00 for the provision of government services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that effective April 2024 the BOCC hereby allocates \$15,500 per month from ARPA fund number 170, up to \$139,500 for the remainder of 2024 of the Okanogan County American Rescue Plan Act funds for the provision of government services associated with Indigent Defense.

Dated at Okanogan, Washington this 26th day of march 2024.



ATTEST:


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