

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STAFF REPORT

DATE: **October 3, 2023**

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Jon Kennedy, City Manager and Susan Scarlett, Finance Officer

MEETING: **October 11, 2023**

SUBJECT: ARPA Funds status and use

In March of 2021 the American Rescue Plan Act was signed into law. This included funds for State and Local Fiscal Recovery. The City received funding in two payments with the total being \$461,698.

In April of 2022 the City Council approved the use of funds for a Community Cleanup which was consistent with the State and Local Fiscal Recover Fund rules. The program has been ongoing since then with 302 properties cleaned up and 89 abandoned vehicles removed, 49 towed and 40 voluntarily removed.

In November of 2022 the Council approved the application to purchase tax-defaulted property from Plumas County in order to purchase properties within Portola for health and safety reasons and with a potential to promote housing. This is still in process and the final dollar amount is not known that this time. Our estimate was \$25,000.

As of now we estimate \$100,000 left in this funding. A stop has been put on the Community Cleanup until the Council can decide if there are other uses of these funds that they would like to see that are consistent with the rules such as the proposed dog park.