



Resolution

No. 2021-89

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Projects Funding Budget Amendment, # 4

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2021, the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors approved five additional projects for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding; *and*,

WHEREAS, the five projects are listed as:

- Phone System Upgrades or Window Replacement at the Northern Lights Nursing Home
- Funding Additional Staffing for the Bayfield County Health Department for Fall of 2021
- Relocating the Bayfield County Clerk of Court Office
- Countywide On-Demand Transportation Through the BART System
- Acquiring a New Command Trailer for the Bayfield County Emergency Management Department; *and*,

WHEREAS, Supporting the Public Health Response is allowed under the COVID-19 Mitigation and Prevention sections, pages 18 of Interim General ARPA guidelines; *and*,

WHEREAS, the Northern Lights Nursing Home owned by Bayfield County is currently utilizing an outdated and inefficient phone system that is in desperate need of upgrading;

WHEREAS, the Northern Lights Nursing Home facility windows are inefficient for the warmer summer months, cold winter months, and are in desperate need of upgrading; *and*,

WHEREAS, Estimated costs are \$150,000 to upgrade the facilities phone system or replace necessary windows throughout the nursing facility serving a very vulnerable population that has been disproportionately impacted by COVID in Bayfield County; *and*,

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Health Department is need of additional staff to provide the necessary services to combat the COVID-19 pandemic; *and*,

WHEREAS, Estimated costs are \$60,000 for providing enough funds to the Department to employ the appropriate amount of staff members to assist with the Department's functions; *and*,

WHEREAS, improving upon government services is allowed under sections 602(c)(1)(C) and 603(c)(1)(C) of the ARPA guidelines; *and*,

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Clerk of Court Office is currently located in a position that is both inconvenient and poses potential safety risks for both Bayfield County staff and citizens; *and*,

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Clerk of Court Office needs to relocate to a more suitable location that would minimize client need to travel through the courthouse for essential court services during and after hours and would provide a greater level of confidentiality to clients; *and*,

WHEREAS, there are circumstances when the courthouse is closed but the Courtroom needs to remain open, this move would place the Clerk of Court Adjacent to the Courtroom; reducing contact of the public with staff and expedite their visit in the courthouse; and

