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Memorandum

Date: 11/3/2022
To: Board of County Commissioners
From: Aaron Pratt - Budget Director
Subject: FY22 Budget Amendment
[Fiscal Yr]

Request: Mobile Home Park Wind Damage Amendment Request
[Fund Name or other brief description]

Expenditure Amount: \$ 850,000
Department/Office: Housing & Human Services

Description: This is a one-time request to fund \$850,000 of already distributed wind damage gift cards from the county's General Fund.

Through staff's outreach during the Marshall Fire, staff saw a critical need for support of mobile home communities and residents that experienced significant wind damage to their homes. Staff at the Disaster Assistance Center distributed a total of \$1.5M to mobile home residents where there was an assessment of wind damage completed by the City of Boulder or Community Planning & Permitting. The Community Foundation of Boulder County covered \$500,000, and the county was able to apply \$157,500 of TANF funds to cover some of the wind damage costs, leaving a gap of \$850,000 of funds disbursed.

[Internal: Please describe the circumstances necessitating the request: what was involved in arriving at costs, current status of entire appropriation, and status of specific account for Amendment. If the request includes unanticipated revenue, describe fully. Memo on Department letterhead should also be included with request.]

FUND BALANCE OR UNANTICIPATED REVENUE

Source: General Fund - General Administration Fund 101/CO2
[Appropriation - Fund Name] *[Fund Number]*

TRANSFER

Source: _____ Fund _____
[Appropriation - Fund Name] *[Fund Number]*
Transfer to
_____ Fund _____
[Appropriation - Fund Name] *[Fund Number]*

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TO: Commissioners, Marta Loachamin, Claire Levy, Matt Jones

FROM: Susan Caskey, HHS Director
Jana Petersen, County Administrator

DATE: 11/10/2022

RE: Wind Damage Funding Request
Cc: Aaron Pratt, OFM Budget Manager
Ramona Farineau, Chief Financial Officer

Purpose: The purpose of this memo is to request funding to fill a gap of \$850,000 in Fund 117 created by Marshall Fire work in mobile home communities.

Background: During the Marshall Fire disaster response, the Disaster Assistance Center (DAC) staff, heard of many Mobile Home Park (MHP) residents that experienced significant wind damage to their homes. HHS staff partnered with the City of Boulder (COB) staff and Community Planning and Permitting to assess the needs within Unincorporated Boulder County and City of Boulder MHPs. At the same time, we advocated to the Community Foundation of Boulder County (CFBC) to move money from underspent fire related categories of support for small businesses and smoke and ash damaged homes to help support wind damage. CFBC agreed to fund \$500,000 for MHP wind damage. Our funding criteria for wind damage was consistent with other funding related to Marshall Fire at \$2500 for households of 1-2 people and \$5000 for households of 3 or more.

As the assessments continued it was clear that the need was much greater than the \$500,000 from CFBC would cover. The DAC distributed a total of \$1.505M to mobile home residents where there was an assessment of wind damage completed by COB or CPP. These funds served:

- 408 Households
- 214 received \$2500
- 194 received \$5000
- Individuals served within households by Race:
 - Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander = 2
 - White (Non-Hispanic) = 310
 - Hispanic = 109
 - Black = 8
 - Asian = 11
 - American Indian or Alaskan Native = 22
 - Other race = 88
 - Unknown race = 28

With \$500,000 in funding from CFBC, HHS was able to apply \$157,500 of TANF funds to cover some of the wind damage costs, leaving a gap of \$850,000 of funds dispersed to MHP residents out of Fund 117 for wind damage. The structure of Fund 117 requires a specific funding source for all expenses incurred, and this gap needs to be reconciled by Dec. 31. We have explored several other potential funding options including: DOLA, ARPA, TANF and Fund 112.

Because the initial wind-damage assessments did not include specific documentation required by the state for eligibility requirements, DOLA is not able to providing funding. Additional potential funding from DOLA could come via CDBG-DR, but that option is not recommended because it would reduce the very limited rebuilding resources available for other Marshall Fire survivors who meet low/moderate income eligibility criteria. Similarly, additional TANF funds beyond what's already been assigned are not available for this purpose.

Staff Request: Through our outreach during the Marshall Fire, staff saw a critical need for support of mobile home communities and residents. The county's ARPA process recommendations also reflected the significant need within the MHP communities and has positioned Boulder County to help lead efforts with MHP residents through ARPA funding, capacity to support deeper cross-systems coordination, and community outreach efforts. Staff are requesting an allocation of \$850,000 from the general fund to address the identified past need.

Requested Action:

Fund \$850K of already distributed wind damage gift cards from the county general fund.