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Grant Funds Awarded to Local Nonprofits

LOGAN, UTAH - Cache County recently awarded nearly a million dollars in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant funds to nonprofits and partner organizations to provide services to County residents.

"I'm excited to see how our community organizations will use these grant funds to serve our county's residents," said Cache County Executive David Zook. "Our community has a great track record of coming together to help those in need."

Eligible nonprofits were awarded \$515,000 and partner organizations were awarded \$370,000. ARPA awards were based on at least one of the following conditions due to the recent pandemic: Decreased revenue (e.g., from donations and fees), financial insecurity, increased costs (e.g., uncompensated increases in service need), capacity to weather financial hardship, and/or challenges covering payroll, rent or mortgage, and other operating costs.

Grant awards to partner organizations approved at the September 12 County Council meeting include:

- Bear River Association of Governments: \$75,000 to provide comprehensive support services to TANF eligible (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) low-income households with children, whom COVID-19 has financially impacted, by connecting them to resources that will allow them to improve their job skills and increase their earned income.
- Bear River Mental Health: \$160,000 to expand current low-income short-term (one year or less) supported housing for individuals with a mental illness and experiencing homelessness or potential homelessness due to mental illness.
- Bear River Health Department: \$135,000 to support case managers for the Cache Valley Unified Support Program, which helps those struggling with mental health and substance use by connecting them to community resources.

Grant awards to nonprofit organizations approved at the September 26 County Council meeting include:

- Dan Gyllenskog Veterans Resource Center: \$160,000 for staffing, service provision, and maintaining facilities.
- Cache Refugee and Immigrant Connection: \$25,000 to support walk-in case management, helping refugees and immigrants find solutions to everyday problems.
- Loaves and Fishes Community Meal: \$20,000 for equipment replacement to assist in serving community meals, addressing food insecurity, and fostering community connections.
- Sunshine Terrace Foundation: \$160,000 to mitigate the financial stress caused by the pandemic as it relates to personnel.
- William A. Burnard Warming Center: \$34,000 to ensure capacity for season two and assisting with increased costs.
- Daughters of Utah Pioneers: \$2,500 to help with operational expenses and assist with economic and social insecurities impacting the DUP Museum.
- Little Lambs Foundation: \$23,000 to purchase a delivery van to serve primarily low-income families and children who have been disproportionately impacted by the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- CAPSA: \$90,500 to help meet increased demand and continue providing essential support to survivors.

On August 2, Cache County announced that it would accept grant proposals from community organizations. A committee reviewed 47 applications and made funding recommendations to the County Council. "I'm so thankful for all of the organizations that applied and for the good they are doing in our community," added Mr. Zook. "I wish we could have funded every project but these 11 projects will accomplish a tremendous amount of good in our community."

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