




**CITY of CALABASAS**  
**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

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**DATE:** AUGUST 17, 2020

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

**FROM:** RON AHLERS, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER 

**SUBJECT:** CONSIDER USE OF REMAINING MONIES FROM THE WOOLSEY FIRE SETTLEMENT FUND (FUND 46)

**MEETING DATE:** AUGUST 26, 2020

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**SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff is seeking direction from the City Council regarding the remaining monies in Fund 46 ~ Disaster Recovery Fund. There is currently \$3.5 million remaining in this fund.

**BACKGROUND:**

The approximate \$3.5 million in funds were derived from the settlement agreement between the City of Calabasas (City) and Southern California Edison (SCE) in regards to the Woolsey Fire, which occurred in November 2018. The original settlement amount was slightly over \$4 million. Interest has been earned on this balance as well. The City has spent approximately \$500,000 of these monies on the Calabasas Open Small Business Grant Program. Therefore, \$3.5 million remain in this fund.

**DISCUSSION:**

The \$3.5 million is completely unencumbered money. The City Council can appropriate the \$3.5 million to any program or project. Since this is one-time money, staff recommends the money be utilized on one-time expenditures, for example,

capital improvement projects or paying down unfunded pension or retiree medical liabilities.

A partial list of potential uses for the \$3.5 million include:

- Capital Projects
  - Wild Walnut Park
  - Handicapped Ramps
  - Headwaters Corner improvements
  - Resurfacing the pour in place at Brandon's Village
  
- Reducing outstanding debt and unfunded liabilities
  - Unfunded Pension Liability (\$7.5 million as of 6-30-2018)
  - Retiree Medical Liability (\$1.9 million as of 6-30-2019)
  - City Issued bonds (\$38.8 million as of 6-30-2020)
  
- Use some of the funds for the FY 2020-21 General Fund deficit. The deficit could increase depending on how long the State forces businesses to be shut-down.

**FISCAL IMPACT/SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

Woolsey Fire settlement remaining funds of \$3.5 million.

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

Provide direction to staff on the types of programs and/or projects to spend the remaining \$3.5 million.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None.