

“Community Resiliency Grant” program

Funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)



Presented by the CEO's Office

In April, the Board allocated \$5.8 Million for “Community & Economic Resiliency.”

This is second of five grants and loan programs in this initiative authorized by the Board on 6/22/21 .

Board actions for this grant program:

1. Approve application process on 7/27/21
2. Approve awardees on 10/12/21

“Community & Economic Resiliency” Programs	Amount:	Status:
Nevada County Relief Fund	\$250,000	BOS approved 7/13/21; microgrants to small businesses managed by Sierra Business Council
Community Resiliency Grants Program	Up to \$2,000,000	Seeking BOS approval 7/27/21 for RFA and 10/12/21 for Awardees
Resilience Loan Fund	\$250,000	Pending. For revolving loan fund to be managed by Sierra Business Council
Economic Recovery Funds (infrastructure)	Up to \$2,500,000	Pending. For eligible infrastructure projects (water, sewer, broadband)
Outdoor Recreation and Visitor Safety Funds	\$800,000 to \$1M	Pending. For improvements to major river crossings and trailheads impacted by increased visitation
Total:	\$5,800,000*	*Allocations to remain flexible in order to best support Board objectives



The Community Resiliency Grants program

Nevada County to fund programs and projects that respond to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and are designed to increase **resiliency**, support **recovery**, and provide **relief**.



Program at-a-glance:

- Up to \$2 Million available
- “Macro-grants” capped at \$100,000
- Target: Community-serving institutions and programs
 - Such as community centers, arts and cultural centers, granges, senior centers, veterans’ centers, daycare centers, family resource centers, recreational centers...



Eligible entities:

- Nonprofits
- Businesses
- Special-purpose districts

Technical assistance for smaller, rural, or all-volunteer entities available from SBC's Small Business Development Center

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Comply with ARPA guidelines:

- Applications must “respond to the public health emergency **or** its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality.”



Application process:

Pre-Application Conference.....	August 11, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.
Application Submission Deadline.....	September 10, 2021 before 5:00 p.m.
Evaluation of Applications.....	September 13 - 23, 2021
Approval by Board of Supervisors.....	October 12, 2021

- An evaluation panel (5-7 staff and community members) will review and score responses
- Panel is advisory to the CEO, who will make final recommendation to the Board for approval



Recommended action:

- Adopt the attached resolution
- Authorize the Purchasing Division to advertise for qualified applications
- Authorize the formation of an evaluation committee

