



RESOLUTION No. 23-434

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION APPROVING A GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NEVADA AND TRUCKEE DIRT UNION FOR AN OUTDOOR VISITOR SAFETY FUND GRANT FOR \$20,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH AWARDEE

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus package passed by Congress and signed by President Joseph Biden on March 11, 2021, in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and associated economic challenges. ARPA included \$350 billion in State and Local Aid, which included \$65.1 billion in direct funding to counties. Based on US Treasury allocations, Nevada County has been allocated \$19,376,239 in funding; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2021, staff brought a preliminary ARPA Expenditure Plan to the Board for direction. The plan included a recommendation to allocate 30% of ARPA funds (\$5.8M) to “Community & Economic Resiliency” projects. This included one loan program and four grants, including the “Outdoor Visitor Safety Fund” program, which was allotted between \$800,000-\$1,000,000 for improvements to major river crossings and trailheads impacted by increased visitation; and

WHEREAS at the February 8, 2022, Board of Supervisors regular meeting the preliminary plan was further refined and ratified with the adoption of Recreation as an objective, including additional funding augmenting ARPA funds for recreation with a subsequent Recreation budget unit established within the Community Development Agency; and

WHEREAS the goal of the Recreation Board Objective is “to promote sustainable recreation in partnership with community providers and other jurisdictions to enhance recreational access, support public health and safety, realize economic opportunities, and preserve natural resource assets” with a specific initiative to “Identify and implement strategies to promote health and safety at river crossings, lakes, trailheads, and other high-use or high-risk areas”; and

WHEREAS, the Outdoor Visitor Safety Fund is comprised of \$450,000 in ARPA Funds and \$400,000 General Fund Economic Infrastructure Assignment dollars; and

WHEREAS, the County awarded a first round of Outdoor Visitor Safety Fund grants totaling \$415,570 to eligible entities which included nonprofit organizations, for-profit businesses, special purpose districts, and pending availability of general fund moneys, State and Federal agencies, to respond to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic with proposals that will increase resiliency and promote health and safety at highly impacted outdoor recreation destinations; and

WHEREAS, remaining funds total \$34,430 in ARPA and \$400,000 in General Funds in the Recreation budget unit 0101-70102-325-1000-521520; and

WHEREAS, the County released a request for applications for a second round of Outdoor Visitor Safety Fund grants on February 8, 2023, from eligible entities; and

WHEREAS, 20 concept proposals were received from 18 different organizations; and

WHEREAS, a 7-member evaluation panel (Panel), consisting of three community members and four county staff, reviewed, and scored concept proposals; and

WHEREAS, 12 proposals from 11 difference organizations were invited to submit a full proposal; and

WHEREAS, the County received 11 final full proposals from 9 individual eligible entities totaling \$815,230; and

WHEREAS, the same evaluation panel again reviewed and scored applications with a recommended list of eight projects from seven eligible awardees; and

WHEREAS, Grant Award Recipient Agreements were developed on a case-by-case basis and reviewed with the Auditor-Controller to ensure the grantees are in good standing with the County; and

WHEREAS, Grant Award Recipients will enter in the attached “Grant Award Recipient Agreement” with the County, and additionally specifying that grant recipients will provide quarterly reports beginning in January 2024; and

WHEREAS, to promote transparency, required quarterly reporting will be posted on the County of Nevada’s American Rescue Plan “ARPA” and Recreation web pages; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds are approved in the Fiscal Year 2023/24 County Budget; and

WHEREAS, Truckee Dirt Union was among the seven awardees approved for funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, that:

1. The Grant Award Recipient Agreement awarding \$20,000 in an “Outdoor Visitor Safety Fund Grant” to Truckee Dirt Union is hereby approved.
2. The Chair of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to execute the grant agreement on behalf of the County of Nevada for the “Outdoor Visitor Safety Fund” which is hereby approved and attached hereto.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 8th day of August, 2023, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes: Supervisors Heidi Hall, Edward C. Scofield, Lisa Swarthout,
Susan Hoek and Hardy Bullock.
Noes: None.
Absent: None.
Abstain: None.

ATTEST:

JULIE PATTERSON HUNTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: 


Edward C. Scofield, Chair

Administering Agency: Nevada County–Community Development Agency

Grant Award Allocation No. RES 23-434

Description: Outdoor Visitor Safety Fund Grant Program

GRANT AWARD RECIPIENT AGREEMENT

THIS Agreement (“Agreement”) is made at Nevada City, California, by and between the County of Nevada (“County”), and Truckee Dirt Union (“Grant Recipient”) who agree as follows:

1. **Use of Funds:** Grant recipient agrees to use the General Fund allocation for “Community & Economic Resiliency” for the purposes set forth in Exhibit A.
2. **Grant Fund Allocation:** The sole source of funding by County for this disbursement is from the Community Development Agency Recreation Budget Allocation Fund 0101-70102-325-1000-521520. No other County funding source shall be held liable for any obligations set forth in this Agreement. **The amount of funding shall not exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000).**
3. **Term:** This agreement shall be effective upon the date on which the last party hereto has executed this Agreement (“Effective Date”). All grant funds provided by this Agreement shall be expended before December 31, 2024 and reported on per the requirements stated in Exhibit C. **Agreement Termination Date of 12/31/2024.**
4. **Exhibits:** All exhibits referred to herein and attached hereto are incorporated herein by this reference.
5. **Electronic Signatures:** The parties acknowledge and agree that this Agreement may be executed by electronic signature, which shall be considered as an original signature for all purposes and shall have the same force and effect as an original signature. Without limitation, “electronic signature” shall include faxed or emailed versions of an original signature or electronically scanned and transmitted versions (e.g. via pdf) of an original signature.
6. **Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement:** To the fullest extent permitted by law, each party (the “Indemnifying Party”) hereby agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold the other party (the “Indemnified Party”), its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers, free and harmless from any and all losses, claims, liens, demands, and causes of action of every kind and character resulting from the Indemnifying Party’s negligent act, willful misconduct, or error or omission, including, but not limited to, the amounts of judgments, penalties, interest, court costs, legal fees, and all other expenses incurred by the Indemnified Party arising in favor of any party, including claims, liens, debts, personal injuries, death, or damages to property (including employees or property of the Indemnified Party) and without limitation, all other claims or demands of every character occurring or in any way incident to, in connection with or arising directly or indirectly out of, the Agreement and the expenditures of the ARPA funding. The Indemnifying Party agrees to investigate, handle, respond to, provide defense for, and defend any such claims, demand, or suit at the sole expense of the Indemnifying Party, using legal counsel approved in writing by Indemnified Party. Indemnifying Party also agrees to bear all other costs and expenses related thereto, even if the claim or claims alleged are groundless, false, or fraudulent. This provision is not intended to create any

cause of action in favor of any third party against either party or to enlarge in any way either party's liability but is intended solely to provide for indemnification of the Indemnified party from liability for damages, or injuries to third persons or property, arising from or in connection with Indemnifying Party's performance pursuant to this Agreement. This obligation is independent of, and shall not in any way be limited by, the minimum insurance obligations contained in this Agreement. These Hold Harmless and Indemnification provisions shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

7. **Drug-Free Workplace:** Senate Bill 1120, (Chapter 1170, Statutes of 1990), requires recipients of state grants to maintain a "drug-free workplace". Every person or organization awarded a contract for the procurement of any property or services shall certify as required under Government Code sections 8355-8357 that it will provide a drug-free workplace.
8. **Political Activities:** Grant Recipient shall in no instance expend funds or use resources derived from this Agreement on any political activities.
9. **Reporting Requirements:** Grant Recipient will be required to maintain records and provide project information to the County or its Contract Administrator as provided in Exhibit C.
10. **Conflict of Interest:** Grant Recipient certifies that no official or employee of the County, nor any business entity in which an official of the County has an interest, has been employed or retained to solicit or aid in the procuring of this Agreement. In addition, Grant Recipient agrees that no such person will be employed in the performance of this Agreement unless first agreed to in writing by County. This includes prior Nevada County employment in accordance with County Personnel Code.
11. **Entirety of Agreement:** This Agreement contains the entire agreement of County and Grant Recipient with respect to the subject matter hereof, and no other agreement, statement, or promise made by any party, or to any employee, officer, or agent of any party, which is not contained in this Agreement, shall be binding or valid.
12. **Alteration:** No waiver, alteration, modification, or termination of this Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by all parties, except as expressly provided in Section 19, Termination.
13. **Governing Law and Venue:** This Agreement is executed and intended to be performed in the State of California, and the laws of that State shall govern its interpretation and effect. The venue for any legal proceedings regarding this Agreement shall be the County of Nevada, State of California. Each party waives any Federal court removal and/or original jurisdiction rights it may have.
14. **Compliance with Applicable Laws:** Grant Recipient shall comply with any and all federal, state, and local laws, codes, ordinances, rules, and regulations which relate to, concern or affect the Services to be provided by this Agreement.
15. **Prevailing Wage:** The services described herein may be considered "public works" as defined by California Labor Code section 1720 et seq. Any funds expended as a result of this award Grant Recipient will be responsible for compliance with all applicable prevailing wage laws, as well as any and all applicable state or federal wage laws, for services under the awarded Agreement.

16. **Notification:** Any notice or demand desired or required to be given hereunder shall be in writing and deemed given when personally delivered or deposited in the mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to the parties as follows:

COUNTY OF NEVADA:

Nevada County
Community Development Agency
Attn: Erika Seward
Address 950 Maidu Avenue, Ste. 170
Nevada City, CA 95959

Phone: 530-265-1572

Email: erika.seward@nevadacountyca.gov

GRANT RECIPIENT:

Truckee Dirt Union
Attn: Matt Chappell
Mailing Address: PO 3533 96160
Truckee, CA 96161

Phone: 530-448-3480

Email: matt@truckeedirtunion.org

Any notice so delivered personally shall be deemed to be received on the date of delivery, and any notice mailed shall be deemed to be received five (5) days after the date on which it was mailed.

Authority: All individuals executing this Agreement on behalf of Grant Recipient represent and warrant that they are authorized to execute and deliver this Agreement on behalf of Grant Recipient.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement, to begin on the Effective Date.

COUNTY OF NEVADA:

By:



Date: 10/05/2023

Printed Name/Title: Honorable Ed Scofield, Chair of the Board of Supervisors

By:



Attest: Julie Patterson Hunter, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Approved As to Form – County Counsel:

By:



Date: 10/05/2023

GRANT RECIPIENT:

By:



Date: 10/04/2023

Name:

Matt Chappell

* Title:

Matt Chappell Director

By:



Date: 10/04/2023

Name:

David Metres

* Title:

Secretary Secretary

***If Grant Recipient is a corporation, this Agreement must be signed by two corporate officers; one of which must be the secretary of the corporation, and the other may be either the President or Vice President, unless an authenticated corporate resolution is attached delegating authority to a single officer to bind the corporation (California Corporations Code Sec. 313).**

Exhibits

- A. Purpose and Use of Funds
- B. Schedule of Payments
- C. Reporting Requirements
- D. A-1: Application Received in response to RFP No. 168078: Outdoor Visitor Safety Fund funded in part by the County of Nevada's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation for "Community and Economic Resiliency" and General Fund Dollars

EXHIBIT A

PURPOSE AND USE OF FUNDS

Grant Recipient agrees to use the County of Nevada’s General Fund allocation for “Community & Economic Resiliency”, specifically, “Outdoor Visitor Safety Fund” provided to cover those costs identified in the submitted Application received from this Entity which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A-1.

These funds are designated to a project that will increase resiliency and promote health and safety at highly impacted outdoor recreation destinations, as Nevada County has experienced a significant increase in visitation to outdoor recreation destinations.

Budget Items	Funds Proposed FY 2023/24	Funds Proposed FY 2024/25
Salaries and Benefits	\$	
Services and Supplies	\$	\$
Contracts for Service Delivery*	\$	\$
Equipment Purchases*	\$20,000	\$
Other Expenses*	\$	\$
TOTAL	\$20,000	\$

*Describe Contracts for Service Delivery, Equipment Purchases, or Other Expenses, including amount per:

Funds will be used for equipment purchases for trail stewardship including excavating tools.

Funds may be allocated flexibly among proposed line items up to 10% of each line item; budget modifications greater than 10% of changed line item must be requested and have written approval by County grant manager.

Acknowledgment:

Grant Recipient agrees to clearly acknowledge support from the County of Nevada in their programs and related promotional material including publications, websites, newspaper articles, radio interviews, and other media activities. Unless advised to the contrary, an acknowledgement of County of Nevada support must appear on all materials publicizing or resulting from award activities.

The County of Nevada logo and following credit line should be used in acknowledging County support whenever possible: “Funds were provided through the County of Nevada’s Outdoor Visitor Safety Fund”

Please indicate how acknowledgement will be accomplished (check all that apply):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Press Release
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email or Email Newsletter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Media
<input type="checkbox"/> Print Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Program or Promotional Materials
<input type="checkbox"/> Event (please describe)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe)

EXHIBIT B

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The Grant Recipient will receive the grant award for the purpose and use established in Exhibit A of this Agreement, based on the following schedule of payments.

Total Grant Award Amount: \$20,000

Payment Schedule

	Amount	Payment Timing (Pending Met Conditions if applicable)	Applicable Contingencies to be met prior to Payment
Payment 1:	90% of the Grant Award fiscal year*	Within 60 Days of executed Agreement	Submission of a vendor quote or other demonstration of intended award use
Payment 2:	10% of the Grant Award fiscal year*	Once all funds have been spent, documentation on expenditures has been provided to County, and the recipient has completed at least one round of reporting (see Exhibit C for reporting requirements)	

**NOTE: For multi-year requests, payments will be percentage of request per fiscal year.*

EXHIBIT C

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

1. COUNTY-REQUIRED REPORTING.

- a. Grant Recipient will be required to submit quarterly "Project and Expenditure Reports" until the funded project is completed, to the County or its designated Contract Administrator.
- b. The first report will be due on or about January 10, 2024.
- c. The County, or its Contract Administrator, will provide a reporting template and instructions.

2. MAINTENANCE AND ACCESS TO RECORDS AND REPORTS.

- a. Records of Support: Grant Recipient shall maintain records and financial documents sufficient to evidence compliance with the American Rescue Plan Act, Treasury's regulations, and guidance. (Please see: [SLFRF-Compliance-and-Reporting-Guidance.pdf \(treasury.gov\)](#)) The County recommends Grant Recipients collect the following records to support compliance, which may include, but are not limited to, copies of the following:
 - i. General ledger and subsidiary ledgers used to account for (a) the receipt of ARPA Fund payments and (b) the disbursements from such payments to meet eligible expenses related to the public health emergency due to COVID-19;
 - ii. budget records during the grant performance period;
 - iii. payroll, time records, human resource records to support costs incurred for payroll expenses related to addressing the public health emergency due to COVID-19;
 - iv. receipts of purchases made related to project;
 - v. contracts and subcontracts entered into using ARPA Fund payments and all documents related to such contracts;
 - vi. all documentation of reports, audits, and other monitoring of contractors, including subcontractors;
 - vii. all documentation supporting the performance outcomes of contracts, subcontracts, grant awards, and grant recipient subawards; and
 - viii. all internal and external email/electronic communications related to use of ARPA Fund payments.
- b. The County Auditor-Controller, or their authorized representatives, shall have the right of access to records (electronic and otherwise) of Grant Recipient in order to conduct audits or other investigations.
- c. Records shall be maintained by Grant Recipient for a period of five (5) years after all funds have been expended or returned to County, whichever is later.
- d. Grant Recipient shall maintain, at all times, complete detailed records with regard to work performed under this Agreement in a form acceptable to County. Grant Recipient agrees to provide documentation or reports, compile data, or make its internal practices and records available to County, the County's Contract Administrator, or federal agencies, for purpose of determining compliance with this Agreement or other applicable legal obligations. County will have the right to inspect or obtain copies of such records during usual business hours upon reasonable notice.
- e. Upon completion or termination of this Agreement, County may request Grant Recipient deliver originals or copies of all records to County. County will have full ownership and control of all such records. If County does not request all records from Grant Recipient, then Grant Recipient shall maintain records as defined below

after completion or termination of the Agreement. If for some reason Grant Recipient is unable to continue its maintenance obligations, Grant Recipient shall give notice to County within 30 business days for County to take steps to ensure proper continued maintenance of records.

- f. County and the Comptroller General of the United States, and other authorized Federal agencies and representatives shall have the right to examine Grant Recipient's records at any reasonable time.
- g. Transfer of Records: In the event that Grant Recipient ceases operation, all files that are subject to audit shall be transferred to the County for proper storage of physical records and electronic data. Grant Recipient shall notify County of impending closure as soon as such closure has been determined and provide County with a complete list of records in its possession pertaining to activities related to the Grant Award Agreement. County shall promptly advise Grant Recipient which records are to be transferred to the custody of County.

SUMMARY OF AGREEMENT

Grant Recipient Name: TRUCKEE DIRT UNION

Description of Services: Outdoor Visitor Safety Fund Grant – Truckee Community Trails Stewardship Program

SUMMARY OF MATERIAL TERMS

Maximum Grant Award: \$20,000
Contract Beginning Date: Effective Date
Contract Termination Date: 12/31/2024
Liquidated Damages: N/A

LICENSES AND PREVAILING WAGES

Designate all required licenses:

NOTICE & IDENTIFICATION

Grant Recipient: _____ **County of Nevada:** _____

Contact Person: Matt Chappell
530-448-3480
Email address: matt@truckeedirtunion.org

Contact Person: Erika Seward
(530) 265-1572
e-mail: erika.seward@nevadacountyca.gov

Grant Recipient is a: (check all that apply)

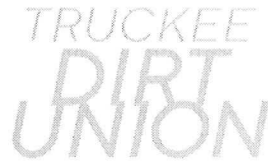
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Person:	<input type="checkbox"/> Indiv.,	<input type="checkbox"/> Db,	<input type="checkbox"/> Ass'n	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

ATTACHMENTS

Designate all required attachments: Req'd

Exhibit A:	Purpose and Use of Funds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Exhibit B:	Schedule of Payments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Exhibit C:	Reporting Requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Exhibit A-1:	Application Received in response to RFP No. 168078:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Outdoor Visitor Safety Fund funded in part by the County of Nevada's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation for "Community and Economic Resiliency" _____



Truckee Community Trails Stewardship Program

for the

Outdoor Visitor Safety Fund- Round #2

RFA No. 168078

Submitted April 28, 2023

ORGANIZATION NAME: Truckee Dirt Union

APPLICANT/CONTACT PERSON: Matt Chappell

PHONE: 530-448-3480

ADDRESS: PO 3533 96160 Truckee, California

EMAIL: matt@truckeedirtunion.org

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Chappell".

TAB A: ENTITY DESCRIPTION

A. Truckee Dirt Union (TDU) is a California non-profit corporation 501(c)(3) working to create a positive sustainable impact for the Truckee-area mountain biking community. Through trail management and forest stewardship, TDU develops and manages a sustainable and symbiotic relationship between the pursuit of outdoor recreation and the forests that provide such opportunities.

TDU unifies Truckee-area trail riders, local trail builders, and the greater mountain biking community through grass-roots efforts, volunteerism, and community events. In 2022, TDU hosted 4 Community Stewardship Events culminating in a 1,000+ hour volunteer labor submission to the United States Forest Service from over 200 volunteer participants.

TDU's leadership team is in communication with entities including CA State Parks, Sierra Pacific Industries, Tahoe Donner Association, and Truckee Donner Land Trust in an effort to expand TDU's community-based stewardship model into other complimentary trail networks and riding communities within Truckee as well as a few other selective stewardship collaborations just beyond Truckee borders. This grant proposal to Nevada County is aligned with the aforementioned effort.

TDU asserts that single track mountain bike trail maintenance requires a combination of skills, including trail building, landscaping, and environmental management. It is essential to have a dedicated team of professionals and a large pool of volunteers to ensure that our trails remain safe and enjoyable for the thousands of locals and visitors that flock to Truckee's world-class mountain terrain.

B. Principal Founders // Board Members

Matt Chappell - Board President // Principal Founder of the TDU

Matt is an engaging and relatable Truckee business owner (OLAB) and a driven volunteer steward of public lands.

Skye Allsop - COO/CFO, co-founder, Truckee business owner, and passionate community member and former board member of Visit Truckee Tourism board.

David Metres - Secretary, founding board member, environmental law professional and firm partner.

Greg Foresyth - Development Chair, founding board member of TAMBA and TDU and owner/operator of Cyclepaths Bikeshop.

GP Martin - Marketing Chair, content creation professional, grant writing committee chair

C. The Truckee Dirt Union primarily serves the greater Truckee areas (eastern Nevada County and Placer County) single track trail network for mountain bikers. We cultivate local trail building and trail management through collaboration with many independent local organizations including Truckee Trails Foundation (TTF), Truckee Donner Land Trust (TDLT), Tahoe Area Mountain Biking Association (TAMBA), the Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship (SBTS) and any other friendly mountain bikers or organizations that support TDU's initiative for cultivating connection and responsibility through hands on stewardship experience.

TAB B: COVID-19 IMPACTS

A. The US treasury has acknowledged that park and recreational facilities/areas were heavily impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. With the closure of many indoor recreational facilities and restrictions on group gatherings, many people turned to outdoor activities, like mountain biking, to stay active and spend time with friends and family. This increased demand led to dramatic overcrowding on many trails and parks across California.

B. This is particularly true in Nevada County, where the mountain biking terrain has attracted an exponential increase in usage (approximately 5,000 user laps per week in July compared to a few hundred just five years ago) and the resulting environmental degradation, public health and safety issues, and potential for encroachment of historical sites is of utmost concern.

There is an exponential increase of tourism in Nevada County as exemplified in the 36% increase in Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) since 2020. 2023 is on pace for Nevada County to exceed \$1million in the TOT, due in part to the regional draw of mountain biking terrain and access (this figure doesn't take into account the impact from local users of the trail network). Whereas this economic tax benefit appears to be a positive metric, the

reverse effect is happening to the health of the single-track trail network, resulting in untold injuries to riders and devastating environmental impact, erosion, and potential harm causality to our most coveted outdoor spaces.

C. According to data collected by TDU, some singletrack mountain bike trails that TDU maintains in partnership with USFS are seeing usage frequency that rivals area ski slopes during winter, per mile of terrain accessed. The notable difference is that ski areas are managed by full-time staff who maintain terrain, tend to forest stewardship and the environment, and oversee the health and safety of the public. Likewise, ski mountain operations factor in forest stewardship, including mitigating water runoff, managing forests, animal migration patterns, and other environmental concerns. The infrastructure of mountain biking trails is not the same.

Our mountain bike trails *need* constant maintenance due to the harsh Sierra environment. The intense usage degrades the trails, proving gravely consequential to recreationalists. These consequences put stress on local urgent care doctors, search & rescue, and paramedic staff—not to mention families, children and community leaders who fall while out riding on a perpetually degrading trail.

The COVID-19 Pandemic inadvertently contributed to developing and fortifying a local mountain bike trail user group. Whereas policies around masking and social distancing have since relaxed, the massive community of mountain bikers continues to contribute to sustaining a flourishing economy in Truckee, populating restaurants with patrons, filling bike shops with buyers, bookstores, cafes, and more. The boom in mountain bike popularity has helped put Truckee on the map as an international mountain bike destination and a most desired place to live year-round. All the while, there are miles-upon-miles of unkempt trails. TDU is attempting to shift the paradigm into a more effective direction by creating a unified stewardship effort born from the heart and soul of Truckee's outdoor community stoked by a lean professional staff and an effective community volunteer stewardship model.

TAB C: PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. This grant application requests funding for TDU to invest in the tools and people needed to raise the level of impact for urgently needed trail work and user messaging due to the high demand of ever-increasing users. Programming includes a unique community activation model, pairing volunteer trail maintenance, hands-on stewardship education, trail usage metric-keeping & trend reporting, and innovative stewardship communications culminating in the promotion of responsible and inclusive recreation.

The trail network noted within this project application is located within less than one mile of Tahoe Donner Association boundaries and are known as Drunken Deer and Sober Deer Trails. The culmination of trails within this network total approximately 10 miles in overall length. This network of trails lies near the historic Emigrant Trail corridor and is accessible to many Truckee based neighborhoods including Tahoe Donner, Prosser Lake View Estates, Prosser Heights, and downtown Truckee. This trail network is a great outdoor amenity for Truckee and could be brought up to modern environmental standards with improved access for all. TDU is ready and willing to create the great community synergy needed to accomplish this delicate initiative and have honed a unique approach as exemplified in TDU's Jackass Ridge project case study. (<https://www.truckeedirtunion.org/projects#project-two>).

Funding for this grant will go towards hiring four local professional trail building and maintenance personnel for daily trail service on designated trails within Truckee's highest impact trail networks under TDU's adoption agreements with USFS.

The daily tasks for these trail building personnel involves the ongoing process of building, repairing, and maintaining the physical infrastructure of trails to ensure that they remain safe, sustainable, and enjoyable for riders. This will include a variety of tasks, such as:

Trail Building: Trail builders will work to create new trails that are designed to provide a unique riding experience, or to connect existing trails to create a larger trail network.

Trail repair: Trails are be damaged by weather (snow, wind, rain, drought), heavy use, and other factors, and may require regular repairs to maintain safety and sustainability. This involves fixing erosion, repairing trail features like bridges and jumps, and improving drainage.

Trail maintenance: Trail maintenance involves ongoing upkeep of the trail, such as trimming back overgrown vegetation, repairing trail markers, and keeping the trail surface clear of debris.

Trail improvement: Trail builders and maintenance crews will work to improve the trail features and flow, making the trail more enjoyable and challenging for riders. This includes adding new features like berms, jumps, and drops, and improving the overall layout and design of the trail.

Environmental protection: Trail builders and maintenance crews may also work to protect the surrounding environment by building and maintaining trails in a way that minimizes erosion, protects natural resources and historical sites, and respects wildlife habitats.

Trail maintenance is an essential part of creating and maintaining a sustainable and enjoyable mountain biking experience. It requires a combination of physical labor, technical skills, and environmental awareness to ensure that trails are safe, sustainable, and enjoyable for riders while also protecting the natural environment.

B. Generally, the mountain biking season in the Sierra Nevada Mountains can range from late spring/early summer to late fall/early winter. The bulk of the milestones prioritized below are anticipated to begin in late May or early June, after the snow has melted and trails have dried out. The season can last until late October or early November, or until the first significant snowfall.

2023 Prioritized Milestones

1. Grow fleet of trail building equipment including water pumps, powered wheelbarrows, rakes, shovels, including capacity to rent excavation machinery.
2. Purchase an enclosed trailer to transport and store trail maintenance equipment.
3. Hire four (4) local professional trail building and maintenance personnel for daily service to Truckee's highest impact trail networks under TDU's volunteer adoption agreements with USFS.
4. Design and manage the implementation of five (5) electronic tracking systems on popular trail networks to monitor and analyze usage for future improvements.
5. Generate and maintain a Community Messaging Campaign via social media channels, email marketing, retail partner locations, community activations (ex. Alpen Glow speaker series) and special events (ex. Truckee Tahoe Gravel Race)
6. Host three (3) volunteer trail stewardship events annually

2024 Prioritized Milestones

1. Install eight (8) indexing markers on Nevada County trails correlating to terrain mapping to improve the search and rescue communications in order to expedite emergency access and response to injured and lost riders
2. Collaborate with land managers (private owners, state parks, Truckee-Donner Land Trust, Tahoe Donner and USFS) to initiate environmental trail improvements and re-routes intended to prioritize protection of natural resources, preservation of historical sites, control of water run-off and erosion, and to restore habitat sanctuaries
3. Host five (5) volunteer trail stewardship events annually. With a goal of 1,500 stewardship hours per year invested in the program while bolstering our community reach and volunteer trail force by 12% year over year.

C. In the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Interim Final Rule: FAQ section 2.18, investments in improving outdoor spaces are an eligible use of funds. The work on these trails will provide economic, environmental, and social benefits to the Truckee community impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and can help support the long-term sustainability of our area.

TAB D: COMMUNITY BENEFIT

A. With thousands of riders gathering daily in national forest lands and state parks, we've observed that organizing this user-group to promote stewardship, intention, and community belonging has

environmental benefits by reducing erosion, protecting sensitive habitats, and preserving natural resources, and economic benefits by supporting local businesses and creating jobs while also reducing the carbon footprint of a growing user group by improving accessibility to near-to-home trails.

Community engagement: Mountain Biking has undergone exponential growth in the last five years. Thousands of people (varied age groups) gather and participate in mountain biking on National Forest Lands and State parks on a daily basis. Organizing this user-group in Truckee, capturing the energy of its participants, and leading them to a path to stewardship, intention, and community belonging lie at the potential of this initiative.

Environmental benefits: Maintaining mountain biking trails in a sustainable, environmentally friendly, and community-collaborative way has positive impacts on the local ecosystem. This includes reducing erosion, protecting sensitive habitats, and preserving natural resources. Additionally, improving accessibility to near-to-home trails lessens the need to drive to trails therefore reducing the Carbon footprint of a growing user group by lessening reliance on automobiles.

Economic benefits: Mountain biking unquestionably brings economic benefits to a local community. Riders may need to purchase gear, rent bikes, or pay for services like bike repairs or lessons, which supports local businesses and create jobs. From trail builders to breweries, from coffee shops to bike shops, business in Truckee is on the rise and the benefits of mountain biking's economic impact is seen firsthand across town on any given summer day as the trails and streets fill with mountain bike riders.

TAB E: LEVERAGING PARTNERSHIPS AND RESOURCES

TDU collaborates with land managers (private owners, state parks, Truckee-Donner Land Trust, Tahoe Donner and USFS) to initiate environmental trail improvements and reroutes intended to prioritize protection of natural resources, preservation of historical sites, control of water run-off and erosion, and to restore habitat sanctuaries.

TDU has been successful securing collaborations with governmental and non-governmental agencies, and garnering funding from individual and organizational donors. There are currently 60 partnership supporters including Truckee-Donner Land Trust, USFS, Visit Truckee-Tahoe, Town of Truckee, and Truckee Fire Protection District, CA State Parks, Tahoe Donner and Truckee Trails Foundation.

The environmental work for this project will be headed up by project partner John Groom at Tahoe Donner Association. The environmental work of this initiative will be instrumental in protecting cultural resources and conserving unique habitat findings in addition to creating connection opportunities to nearby neighborhoods in the most impactful and sustainable way.

TAB F: MANAGEMENT CAPACITY AND MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

The program will result in sustainable expansions to the mountain biking trail network professionally maintained by TDU and enthusiastically enjoyed by tens of thousands of visitors and community members in Nevada County. The following activities will be used measure the success of the project:

1. The four trail building and maintenance personnel hired by this proposed grant will lead the majority of daily duties on trail. They will report directly to TDU's Executive Director, Matt Chappell
2. During volunteer trail stewardship events, volunteer activities are logged, hours are tracked with project descriptions and then submitted to the United States Forest Service under TDU's Volunteer Trail Stewardship agreements.

3. Electronic tracking systems from Eco-vision will be installed on popular trail networks to monitor and analyze usage statistics for future trail studies, projects, and management.
4. Community Messaging Campaign will be measured in likes, impressions, audience attendance, member sign ups and overall volunteer participation.
5. All expenditures will be recorded by TDU's current bookkeeper with oversight, check-ins, and balance-sheet reporting from a contract-hired or volunteer Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Current volunteer bookkeeper: Katie Linnett. Current contract-hired CFO Alicia Verham.

TAB G: BUDGET AND FINANCIALS (500 WORDS)

- A. Our requested funding for this project is \$96,185.00 or 55.8% of a total project expenditure \$172,085.00 anticipated cost. The additional funding needed to complete the project will come from TDU Funds (\$20,000.00 or 11.6%) that have already been earmarked and Partner Funding of \$55,900.00 or 32.5%.
- B. **Budget Narrative** - The requested funding will directly support 5 key elements within the project.
 1. Trail Force activation - Supports the Volunteer Trail Force's in field activations, supplying food and beverage, plus essential day of necessities that allow for a productive workday for all volunteer participants.
 2. Equipment Purchases needed to enable Pro staff and Volunteer Trail force to make significant progress on trail builds with proper tooling for the job.
 3. Digital Trail Counters - Providing useful analytics and knowledge to support proper management and stewardship of the trails & forest.
 4. Salaries & Benefits - Supports the project management of the volunteer trail force and Pro Trail Force who work tirelessly to maintain the trail network and provide daily trail maintenance.

TAB G: BUDGET AND FINANCIALS

Attachment B: Line-Item Budget

Nevada County Outdoor Visitor Safety Fund- Round #2 Grants Program

Applicant Name:
TRUCKEE DIRT UNION

Project Name:
Community Stewardship
Program Phase 2

Revenue

Outdoor Visitor Safety Fund Request Amount	\$	96,185.00	
Organization Funds	\$	20,000.00	
Other Partner Funds*	\$	55,900.00	
State Funds*	\$		
Other Federal Funds*	\$		
TOTAL REVENUE	\$	172,085.00	

Expense	Expense Budget	Requested Funds from OVSFRA
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 50,800.00	45,600
Services & Supplies	\$ 0.00	
Contracts for Service Delivery*	\$ 49,100.00	22,100
Equipment Purchases*	\$ 38,185.00	22,285
Other Expenses*	\$ 34,000.00	6,200
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 172,085.00	96,185

NET \$ 0.00

** Please describe any of the following:*

Other Partners: One Percent For The Planet environmental partner
Tahoe Trail Bar

	Private Doners - Philanthropic
	United States Forest Service
	Alpenglow Speaker Series
	Truckee Gravel Race
	Alibi Ale Works
	One Bios
	High Fives Foundation
State Funding:	
Federal Funding:	
Contracts for Service Delivery	Momentum Trail Building Consulting
	Photography and Videography
	Marketing and Communications Campaign
Equipment Purchases	Mini Excavator - Water Tender, Bucket loader Rental
	Communication/Marketing Tools and Accounts
	Excavating Tools: shovels, saws, rakes etcetera...
	Mobile Storage Container
	Security Camera
	2 Digital Trail Usage Trackers
Other Expenses	Volunteer Day Food and Beverage Support for six Events of Fifty Persons
	Weekly Fuel and Mileage Staff Reimbursements
	Community Gatherings - Hosted Events by the TDU - IE. Bike Movie Premieres - Location costs, Services associated with hosting such community events. Previous events have garnered 350 people per event free of charge.
	Print Budget-Mailers, packaging, POPDisplay - Messaging Programs
	Book Keeping

Office Stationary

Milage - Local and travel

Plane flights to visits other Trail building organizations - Research

Event space rentals

Truckee Dirt Union

EIN: 85-2238195 | Truckee, California, United States

Form 990-N (e-Postcard)

Organizations who have filed a 990-N (e-Postcard) annual electronic notice.
Most small organizations that receive less than \$50,000 fall into this category.

Tax Period:

2021 (01/01/2021-12/31/2021)

EIN:

85-2238195

Organization Name (Doing Business as):

TRUCKEE DIRT UNION

Mailing Address:

PO Box 3533
Truckee, CA 96160
United States

Principal Officer's Name and Address:

Matthew Chappell
PO Box 3533
Truckee, CA 96160
United States

Gross receipts not greater than:

\$50,000

Organization has terminated:

No

Website URL:

truckeedirtunion.org