

Nevada County Outdoor Visitor Safety Fund Grant Awards

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Plan Act



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American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Summary

- \$19.4M County Allocation
- \$9.67 received on June 10, 2021, remaining funds expected July 2022
- Funds must be fully obligated by December 31, 2024
- Expenditures can be used for:
 - Respond to the public health emergency and address its negative economic effects
 - Provide premium pay for essential workers
 - Provision of government services
 - Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure
- Information and Board actions taken are available on the county website

<https://www.mynevadacounty.com/ARPA>

Board Direction for ARPA Expenditure Plan

Policy Direction (4/27/2021)

- Provide support to the community to encourage economic recovery and resiliency
- Continue to fund costs and revenue loss related to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Focus on outcomes, including BOS priorities where possible
- Leverage this one-time funding to provide long term benefits to the County
- Avoid funding items that could be funded by other state or federal sources
- Be strategic and measured, as we have a longer time horizon to spend the dollars
- Remain flexible, as County needs and Federal guidance may evolve over time

Community & Economic Resiliency -\$5.8 Million

Programs	Expenditure Plan Amount	Spent/Obligated To Date	Today's Request	Total Obligated	Remaining
Community Resilience Grants	Board Approved \$2,042,710	\$2,042,710		\$2,042,710	\$0
Resilience Fund (revolving loans)	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250,000
Nevada County Relief Fund	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000	\$0
Nevada County Economic Recovery Funds (infrastructure & broadband)	Up to \$2,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	Up to \$2,500,000
Nevada County Outdoor Recreation & Visitor Safety Funds	\$800,000 to \$1,000,000	\$0	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$400,000
	\$5,800,000			\$2,742,710	\$3,057,290

Outdoor Visitor Safety Fund Grants

Nevada County to fund projects or programs that respond to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic with a project that will increase resiliency and promote health and safety at highly impacted outdoor recreation destinations.

Nevada County experienced a significant increase in visitation to outdoor recreation destinations during the pandemic.

This project will address unmet need(s) at an outdoor recreation site to promote community health and safety, economic development, and resilience; and furthers the ARPA priority of “2.22: Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety”.

Two Strategies

1. Address emergent needs

Targeted smaller grant agreements to enhance existing programs that address emergent health and safety needs.



2. Support sustainable change

New competitive grant program offering grants up to \$200,000 for leveraged projects.



River and Trail Ambassadors Addressing Emergent Health and Safety needs

1. Bear Yuba Land Trust Trail Keepers
2. South Yuba River Citizens League River Ambassadors
3. Truckee Trails Trail Host Ambassadors (plus temporary portable restroom management)



Grant Program Overview

- Up to \$850,000 made available
 - \$450,000 ARPA, \$400 General fund
- Grants capped at \$200,000
- The primary focus will be on infrastructure projects located at major trailheads and river crossings in Nevada County
- Eligible Entities:
 - Nonprofits
 - Businesses
 - Special Purpose Districts
 - State and Federal entities may be eligible depending on available general fund monies.



Application Process Timeline

RFP Released	March 10, 2022
Pre-Application conference	March 16, 2022
Concept Proposal Deadline	March 31, 2022
Notifications delivered for invitation to submit full application	April 8, 2022
Deadline for written questions	April 22, 2022
Full Application Submission Deadline	May 4, 2022
Finalists Interviews (if necessary)	May 12, 2022
Evaluation of Full Proposals	May 4-20, 2022
Notice of Intent to Award	May 24, 2022
Contract Approved by Board of Supervisors	June 28, 2022

Application Process: 2 Steps

Step 1: Brief concept proposal describing the project.

Step 2: Full project application, addressing:

- The community need addressed, and the impacts of COVID-19;
- How the project directly responds to the negative economic impacts of the pandemic;
- How the project will provide ongoing community benefits with impactful, measurable outcomes;
- How the project leverages additional partnerships, funding, and other resources as part of their proposal;
- Management capacity and measurable outcomes—demonstrate their capacity to manage, implement, measure and report on the grant; and
- Budget and Financials.



Evaluation

The Panel: An evaluation panel of 3 staff and two community members review and scored responses.

Panel was advisory to CEO, who made final recommendation.

Step 1: Concept Proposals: The County received 19 concept proposals from 10 different entities; 13 proposals from 9 entities were invited to submit a full proposal.

Step 2: Full project application(s). The County received 6 full applications from 5 different entities. All six applications are recommended for full funding requested.



Recommended Outdoor Visitor Safety Fund Awards

Bear Yuba Land Trust: Adam Ryan Preserve Parking Area	Amount: \$99,500
Bicyclists of Nevada County: Harmony Ridge Trail System	Amount: \$13, 724
Nevada Irrigation District: Scotts Flat Parking	Amount: \$18,000
South Yuba River Citizens League: Golden Quartz Picnic Area Vault Toilets	Amount: \$46,371
South Yuba River Citizens League: Wild & Scenic Trail Marker and Safety Signage Project	Amount: \$75,000
Truckee Trails Foundation: Eastern Nevada County Visitor Safety & Environmental Hazard Prevention Program	Amount: \$109,370
<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$361,965</u>
<i>Collectively leveraged:</i>	<i>\$429,661</i>



Recommended Action

Adopt the 9 resolutions authorizing these grant agreements.

Three targeted grant agreements:	\$16,705
Six grant agreements from RFP response:	\$361,965
<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$415,470</u>

Note:

- As with the ARPA-funded Community Resiliency grants, awardees will provide quarterly reports.
- To promote transparency, these quarterly reports will be posted on the County of Nevada’s American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) web page.



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