

# American Rescue Plan Act Update

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# Today's Presentation

- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Expenditure Plan Basics
- Update on Community Resiliency Grant Projects
- 2024 Revised ARPA Expenditure Plan



# ARPA Expenditure Plan Basics

- **3/11/21:** American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) signed into law  
Total County funding = \$20,085,671
- **4/27/21:** Board of Supervisors (BOS) adopts ARPA Expenditure Plan  
30% of ARPA funds to community and economic resiliency projects  
70% to county cost recovery and revenue loss
- **January 2023:** BOS Workshop provided guidance on updating the ARPA Expenditure Plan
- **9/12/23:** BOS adopts 2023 Revised ARPA Expenditure Plan, establishing budget for authorized projects
- **2024** Board Workshop and Budget Process Guidance



# The Community Resiliency Grants Program

Nevada County funded projects or programs that responded to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and were designed to increase resiliency, support recovery, and provide relief.

- Up to \$2 Million made available
- “Macro-grants” capped at \$100,000





# Community Resiliency Grants Program Stats:

Total number of grants:	34
Grants Completed:	32
Grants in Progress:	2
Completing by timeline: (one extension to 12/31/25)	33

**Awarded \$2,032,710 for grants in 6 general sectors**



# CRG Awardees: 34 grants

SAFETY NET - 26%	ARTS - 22%	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – 16%	EDUCATION / YOUTH – 14%	COMMUNITY CENTERS – 9%	ENVIRONMENT/ RECREATION – 13%
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Interfaith Food Ministries</li> <li>2. Sierra Community House</li> <li>3. Gold Country Senior Services</li> <li>4. Habitat for Humanity</li> <li>5. Child Advocates of Nevada County</li> <li>6. Local Planning Council for Child Care Development</li> <li>7. Community Beyond Violence</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tahoe Truckee School of Music</li> <li>2. Music In the Mountains</li> <li>3. Nevada Theatre Commission</li> <li>4. Neighborhood Center for the Arts</li> <li>5. Nevada County Arts Council</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Truckee Downtown Merchants Association</li> <li>2. Grass Valley Downtown Association</li> <li>3. Curious Forge</li> <li>4. Nevada City Chamber of Commerce</li> <li>5. Nevada County Economic Resource Council</li> <li>6. <i>Sierra Commons</i></li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bright Futures for Youth</li> <li>2. KidZone Museum</li> <li>3. League of Women Voters</li> <li>4. Woolman at Sierra Friends Center</li> <li>5. Synergia Learning Center</li> <li>6. Gateway Mountain Center</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. San Juan Ridge Community Library</li> <li>2. Golden Empire Grange #806</li> <li>3. Penn Valley Community Rodeo Association</li> <li>4. Rough &amp; Ready Grange</li> <li>5. North San Juan Community Center</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. South Yuba River Citizens League</li> <li>2. Truckee River Watershed Council</li> <li>3. Bear Yuba Land Trust</li> <li>4. Bear River Recreation &amp; Park District</li> <li>5. Greenhorn Firewise Community</li> </ol>



# Safety Net Services Highlight: Sierra Community House

**Grant Awarded:** \$100,000

**Project Scope:** Family support and community engagement for isolated families; Hunger relief; legal and mediation services.

**Outcomes:** Hundreds of children and families served with safety net resources over 3 years, including 1 million meals provided to our community March 2020 – Dec 2023!





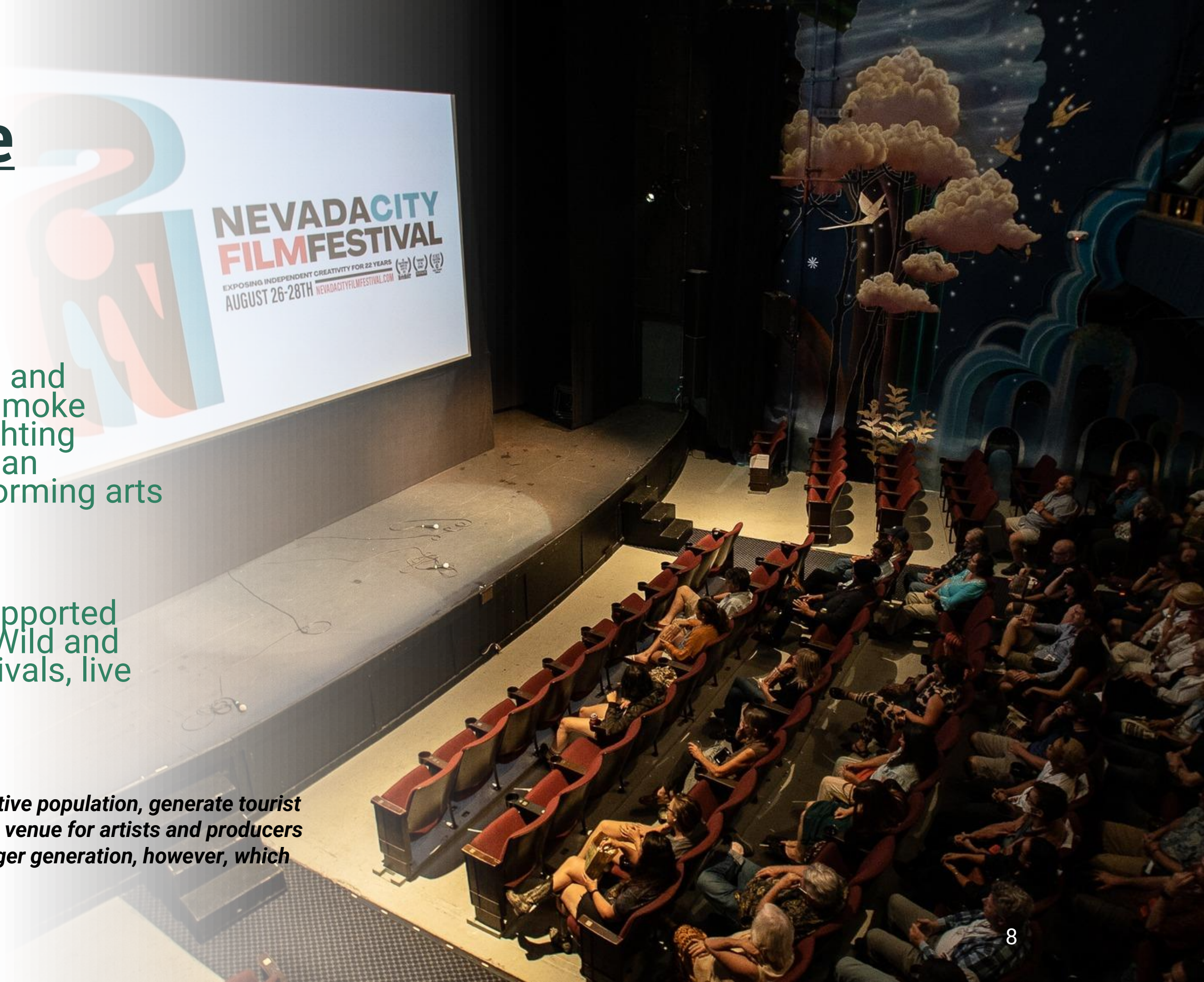
# Arts Highlight: Nevada Theatre Commission

Grant Awarded: \$100,000

**Project Scope:** Essential repairs and upgrades to the theatre's HVAC, smoke alarm, electrical, projector, and lighting equipment to continue to provide an affordable, healthy, and safe performing arts space.

**Outcomes:** Essential upgrades supported new and existing partners: Onyx, Wild and Scenic and Nevada City Film Festivals, live concerts, theater productions.

*"All of these events continue to inspire our local creative population, generate tourist income for the community, and provide an affordable venue for artists and producers to continue making their creative work. It is the younger generation, however, which benefits the most..."*





# Economic Development Highlight: Sierra Commons

**Grant Awarded: \$36,000**

**Project Scope:** Sierra Commons' Startup Accelerator to support high-tech innovators in Nevada County with three key strategies: community building, connection to capital, and providing resources.

## **Outcomes:**

**Connecting to Capital:** ringing new capital resources to the community including angel fund network, event reaching 50 people.

**Community Building:** Tech Meets-Ups, Internships with Gidhotti/Bitney HS, CEOs and Tacos

**Resource:** •Connected entrepreneurs and businesses to talent, One-to-one advising with 3 clients, Coworking for 10 clients, Social Media Professional directory created



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Thanks to all the beautiful people who came out to our Monthly Tech Meetup this week. You know who you are! 🖥️💡🍷🗣️

A special thank you to Communal Cafe for sharing your friendly venue in downtown Nevada City, Meri St. Mary for your incomparable electro theremin vibrations, Elemental Healing Arts, Ethan Hunter and our sponsors Nevada County and Telestream! 🙌

See ya next month, Dec. 6. Same place. Same time. 5:30 -7 pm. Tell your friends! 🙌

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# Community Centers Highlight: Rough and Ready Grange

**Grant Awarded:** \$38,500

**Project Scope:** To fund the purchase and installation of a new stove and range to support operation of a commercial kitchen.

## **Outcomes:**

Project complete to replace hood, and Grange is supporting a variety of community activities and gaining economic recovery. The updated commercial hood's fire suppression system features creates a safe kitchen for our community volunteers and our guests. "The benefits of Nevada County's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) are clear."





## **Recreation Highlight:** **Bear River Recreation & Park District**

**Total grant awarded: \$100,000**

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**Project Scope:** And specifically, replacement of turf field at the Magnolia Sports Complex. The turf field is essential for the district to function.

**Outcomes:** A new, functional field! BRRPD has the field booked nightly for Youth Soccer, Special Olympics, an Adult Soccer League, and other various activities. Working with Bear River High School to facilitate their high school soccer games and Bear River Little League to host 50/70 team.





# Outdoor Visitor Safety Fund Grants

**Total ARPA Funds: \$450,000**

<b>Total number of grants:</b>	11
<b>Grants Completed:</b>	8
<b>Grants in Progress:</b>	3
<b>Completing by timeline:</b> (one extension to 12/31/25)	10





# Outdoor Visitor Safety Awardees - ARPA

1. Bear Yuba Land Trust: Trailkeepers
2. Bear Yuba Land Trust: Adam Ryan Preserve Parking
3. Bicyclists of Nevada County: Harmony Ridge Trail System
4. Nevada Irrigation District (NID): Scotts Flat Parking
5. South Yuba River Citizens League: River Ambassadors (Round 1)
6. South Yuba River Citizens League: River Ambassadors (Round 2)
7. South Yuba River Citizens League: Golden Quartz Picnic Area Vault Toilets
8. South Yuba River Citizens League: Wild and Scenic Trail Marker and Safety Project
9. Truckee Trails Foundation: Eastern Nevada County Visitor Safety and Environmental Hazard Prevention Trailhead Vault Toilets
10. Truckee Trails Foundation: Visitor Safety and Environmental Hazard Prevention Trail Ambassadors
11. Truckee Trails Foundation: Visitor Safety and Environmental Hazard Prevention (Round 2)



# 2024 Revised ARPA Expenditure Plan

- Complete ARPA projects and expend ARPA funds consistent with previous plans
- Meet ARPA deadlines of 12/31/24 and 12/31/26 for obligating and spending funds
- Use ARPA provision of government services - \$10 million county cap – to achieve the Plan
  - Supports balanced FY 2024/25 General Fund Budget
  - Offers flexibility for projects



# Recommendation

- Approve the 2024 Revised ARPA Expenditure Plan – Attachment A
- Direct the Auditor Controller to establish budget – Attachment B
- Delegate authority to the County Executive Officer to direct project budget adjustments needed to complete projects
- Budget amendments will be brought to the Board as needed to execute the Plan



An aerial photograph of a town at sunset. The sky is filled with dramatic, dark clouds with a bright orange and yellow glow from the setting sun on the left. The town below is a mix of residential houses and commercial buildings, surrounded by dense evergreen forests. A large, white, dotted rectangular border frames the entire scene. The word "Questions?" is written in a large, white, sans-serif font across the center of the image, with a dashed white line underneath it.

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