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April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Nevada County Board of Supervisors  
Attn: Heidi Hall, Board Chair  
900 Maidu Ave.  
Nevada City, CA 95959

RE: SR 20-1986 - Community Relief Fund

Dear Heidi,

I am writing to in support of the Community Relief Fund. FREED requests that safety net programs including those that serve at-risk COVID-19 populations such as older adults and people with disabilities with chronic health conditions be prioritized for use of funds.

FREED went to virtual services in early March and has been work in collaboration with Aging & Disability Resource Connection partners including Nevada County Health & Human Services, Connecting Point/211, Gold Country Community Services, Nevada County Foodbank, Neighborhood Center for the Arts, as well as Interfaith Food Ministries, Emergency Operations Center, and other Nevada County key Community Based Organizations.

Our goal has been simple, to ensure that people with disabilities and older adults with Access and Functional Needs safely shelter in place with ongoing access to the services and supports they need to live independently at home. This target population is at-risk for complications from COVID-19 and is in-need of additional services and supports. During this time, more than ever, we need to collaborate and leverage resource to meet current gaps in service. Currents needs and gaps in services that we have experienced during the

COVID-19 pandemic over the last month and could be supported by a Community Relief Fund include:

1. **Accessing food & essential goods** is challenging for everyone in this new environment. Food insecurity has been a statewide issue that has increased during COVID. FREED has been working closely with Health and Human Services, the Food Bank, Meals on Wheels via Gold Country Community Services, Interfaith Food Ministries, and Neighborhood Center for the Arts to expand food access and ensure that older adults and individuals with disabilities have home delivered groceries and other essential supplies such as prescription and personal care supplies. Last week we delivered groceries to 114 older adults and individuals with disabilities who were on waitlists for home delivered meals or who qualified for existing food distribution programs but needed the food delivered due to not having family/ friends/ caregivers who can drive them to distribution sites. More capacity is needed for weekly home delivery services for food and essential items. As well, senior Meals on Wheels home delivered meals services need to be expanded to cover individuals on the wait list and to expand services to younger individuals whose disabilities put them at greater risk for COVID complications. In addition, at-risk individuals are having a difficult time accessing toilet paper and other essential personal care items. FREED has partnered with Briarpatch and Grocery Outlet for them to set-aside toilet paper for FREED to distribute to community members.
2. **Isolation of older adults and people with disabilities** is an on-going issue that is being intensified during the COVID-19 stay at home orders. FREED has expanded Phone Reassurance service and community volunteers are currently providing 134 calls weekly to community members who are isolated and at-risk of mental health conditions. This is only a fraction of the older adults and people with disabilities who could benefit from this program but aggressive outreach with additional staff and marketing is needed to educate the community of available services. In addition, FREED staff has outreached to 348 community members over the last couple of weeks to check-in on them and see what services they need due to the stay-at-home order. More capacity is needed by local organizations for staffing to increase outreach to isolated individuals.
3. **Individual financial assistance** is needed for seniors, people with disabilities, and families through Visa or Amazon gift cards to purchase food, prescriptions, and other essential household items. There have been multiple requests for items for food storage or food preparation that are not covered by government grants. As well, not all local grocery stores have effective ways to order and pay online or over the phone for curbside pickup for home delivered food service. Local pharmacies do not take payment over the phone or on-line putting FREED in a position of paying for the prescriptions and trying to get reimbursed. Having access to Visa card would allow FREED to more effectively provide the services and

- would relieve financial stress for the individual sheltering in place.
4. Increased capacity for **Person Centered case management** for individuals who are homeless, transitioning out of the hospital, or are sheltering at home is a need. FREED has been meeting daily with the ESF-6 Workforce with Health & Human Services and Office of Emergency Services, and there is a need for case management for homeless individuals who are at-risk and placed in hotels or who test positive for COVID-19. As well, there is a need to increase capacity for case managers to work with individuals who are sheltered in place to develop coordinated strategies to reduce the impact of increased emergency room visits, hospitalizations, and critical care admissions.
  5. **Wheelchair accessible transportation to access basic needs.** FREED has a 1998 van with a wheelchair lift that is used to transport consumers when no other options are available, for home delivery services, and delivery of larger assistive devices such as power wheelchairs. This van is used by FREED and provided to community partners, such as Hospitality House, to transport consumers who uses wheelchairs to access medical, Social Security Administration appointments, or to access other services that are not available through public transit or paratransit services. It is the goal of FREED to replace this van for with a newer model that is more reliable. This would increase the communities ability to provide services during COVID-19 but would also increase our capacity to serve the community throughout the year.
  6. **Access to technology and high-speed internet** for organizations and community members. During the social distancing and shelter-in-place orders, organizations need to build their capacity to provide services virtually. This means building infrastructure to support teleworking including laptops, hotspots, and highspeed internet. This is also true for community members who lack access to computers and highspeed internet to access critical resources and information. There is also a need for training to community members on how to use technology effectively to access remote social services, medical services, social opportunities, and critical information. FREED would like to expand our equipment loan program to include additional laptops and tablets that can be loaned to community members to access online services and programs.

To support the Community Relief Fund and local safety net organizations, FREED is willing to reach out to our donor base to support the community effort.

We look forward to our continued partnership with the County and community organizations to meet the needs of those most at-risk for complications due to COVID-19. A Community Relief Fund could greatly increase the capacity of critical safety net providers to meet those needs and build resiliency. While the

gaps in services and needs identified are current with the COVID-19 pandemic, they will become exacerbated in the months ahead as we are recovering from the financial and economic impact of COVID and are faced with wildfire season and Public Safety Power Shut-off events. We are at a time where we need to build the capacity of non-profits to address COVID-19 but also to address community resiliency moving forward.

Thank you for your consideration,

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To the Board of Supervisors,

It has come to my attention that you will be deciding to how to allocate the Community Relief Fund. It is imperative that you prioritize funding for local non-profits that are fulfilling the gaps to the at-risks groups in our community and provide a safety net for this county.

So that you are aware, the Food Bank of Nevada County is serving approximately **2500 individuals every week** at our direct distribution. This number continues to grow every week. We are also providing food bags to other agencies for specific programs, like home delivery and meals for the unsheltered community. The only limitations to what we do and how we can continue to provide food to our community is having access to adequate funding.

Sincerely,  
Nicole McNeely

Nicole McNeely  
Executive Director

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## New eComment for Board of Supervisors 4-14-2020 Agenda

Janeth Marroletti submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: Board of Supervisors 4-14-2020 Agenda

Item: 3. SR 20-1986 Resolution authorizing \$100,000 to establish a Nevada County Relief Fund to support our local non-profits and small businesses due to COVID-19, authorizing the County Executive Officer to execute related documents, and directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the Fiscal Year 2019/20 Housing and Community Services budget. (4/5 affirmative vote required)

eComment: Prioritize older adults who are homebound, frail, low income and without resources or support from family and friends. The waiting list for Meals on Wheels continues to increase in Western Nevada County as more and more seniors need food delivered to their home. 84 seniors are on the waiting list for Meals on Wheels. COVID-19 has had a huge impact in our agency with more and more seniors in need of food Janeth Marroletti, Executive Director, Gold Country Senior Services

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April 13, 2020

Ms. Alison Lehman, CEO  
County of Nevada  
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RE: SR 20-1986 Resolution authorizing \$100,000 to establish a Nevada County Relief Fund

Dear Ms. Lehman,

On behalf of the Greater Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce, and the Grass Valley Downtown Association it is our pleasure to write a letter in support of SR10-1986 authorizing \$100,000.00 to establish the Nevada County Relief Fund.

Our organizations are on the front lines of the small business community, interacting daily with our memberships, fielding calls and emails inquiring how to survive the COVID-19 pandemic shutdown. The Federal funding programs through the SBA (Paycheck Protection and Economic Injury Disaster Loans) are available to many, but not to all. Those who have applied for funding have acknowledgement of application, but no idea if they've qualified or the timeline for funding. Those who are not eligible don't know where to turn.

Frustration is rampant, and the fear factor enormous. Being hit with this shutdown after our small businesses were beginning to recover from the losses of the PSPS shutdowns has been devastating. Fear that they will perish before loan funding is granted is a reality. Businesses need funding now.

What gives us hope is the County of Nevada's effort to establish a Disaster Relief Fund that will grant micro loans to small businesses and nonprofits. We are very much in favor of the creation of one central fund to which the community may donate with confidence that those donations will directly benefit small businesses and nonprofits impacted by the disaster.

The objective is economic resiliency. We believe that the resolution creating the Nevada County Disaster Relief Fund will be met with favor by the community, and our small towns with big hearts will meet the fund-raising challenge and support the community through the Nevada County Disaster Relief Fund.

Sincerely,

Joy Porter, Chair of the Board  
Greater Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce

Robin-Galvan-Davies, CEO  
Greater Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce

Angie Kelsey, Chair of the Board  
Grass Valley Downtown Association

Marni Marshall, ED  
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CC: Dan Miller, Supervisor, District 3  
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Again, Matthew Coulter different topic calling during when the topic is on would like to know how much of the fund will be wage interior fund donation fund will be taken from to the county. What will they take what percentage are they taking out of it? Thank you. I will watch Julie and see if it makes it on there. Thank you.

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