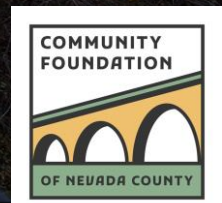


Community Foundation of Nevada County

County Partnership Update

Building Capacity. Strengthening Systems. Preparing for What Comes Next.



A Brief Alignment Note

01

Financial Transparency

Financial records are shared regularly with County staff and are available upon request at any time.

02

Governance Structure

The Foundation is structured as an independent entity, consistent with community foundation best practices. We are in ongoing conversation with the County on appropriate representation and welcome that dialogue.

03

Board Composition

We are committed to diverse perspectives and broad community representation. As we enter our next round of board terms, we welcome suggestions from the Board of Supervisors.

We raise these not as concerns, but as context — and welcome any questions before we proceed.



What You Asked Us To Do

Nevada County Relief Fund

Flexible, responsive disaster and community relief. → *Ready to deploy within hours of an incident and being stewarded for long-term community need.*

COAD Exploration

Community Organizations Active in Disaster → *In coordination with Office of Emergency Services and community partners*

Nonprofit Coordination & Support

Strengthening the organizations doing the work through the Center for Nonprofit Leadership

Responsive Community Initiatives in Alignment with County

Work with County to identify areas of mutual alignment and leverage

We continue to meet or exceed each of these areas.



What This Work Has Made Possible

Bringing New Resources

- \$110,000+ in grants raised in our first full year for funding directed to the Ridge, underserved communities and COAD Development
- First endowed funds launched, including operating endowment and the Baker/Nevada County Arts Innovation Fund

Strengthening Rural Communities

- Emergency warming shelter: 182 overnight stays, 517 meals served
→*North San Juan Community Center*
- Expanded food access serving ~50 families per week
→*"This support has been critical in helping us meet growing community needs."*— Oak Tree Family Resource Center
- Leadership development supporting long-term sustainability
→*MLS pursuit for San Juan Ridge Community Library*

Solving Structural Gaps

- Incubated and launched Community Roots school food program
- "Friends of Parks" funding model in development
- Cross-sector coordination across nonprofits and community partners
→*Connecting Point/211, Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation*

Expanding the Impact of County Investment

County Investment to Date

\$162,000

since contract signed — April 2024

New Resources Secured

\$550,000+

*in philanthropic grants, contributions,
and endowed funds — first full year*

What this includes

- Philanthropic grants and donor contributions
- Program-restricted and endowed funds
- Flexible operating support raised from the community

Context

2025 was the first full year of operations. The foundation is building the relationships and infrastructure that attract philanthropic capital over time. This trajectory is consistent with how community foundations grow.



What This Looks Like in Your Communities

182

emergency overnight stays provided

517

meals served during crises

~50

families reached with food access every week

70+

nonprofits in the countywide network

San Juan Ridge & Penn Valley

- Emergency shelter: North San Juan Community Center
- Food access serving ~50 families/week
- San Juan Ridge Library sustainability support

Nevada City Corridor

- Relief Fund activated & ready within hours
- COAD blueprint complete, partners aligned (Erika Kosina presenting separately)

Truckee & Eastern County

- Exploring Center for Nonprofit Leadership services expanding to Truckee
- Cross-county model with Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation

Countywide

- \$110K+ in new grants to underserved communities
- First endowed funds launched
- Baker Family Arts Innovation Fund
- 9 County staff in leadership development this year



What This Work Is Revealing

- 1 Many of our region's most important efforts span multiple systems
- 2 Coordination is often the missing piece
- 3 Funding opportunities exist — but implementation capacity is limited
- 4 Community partners are already doing much of the work → *nonprofits, faith-based organizations, and volunteer networks*

These efforts require coordination across organizations, partners, and systems to work effectively.



Capabilities Supporting County Priorities

Nevada County's community foundation has deep local roots, real relationships, and infrastructure built to amplify county investment. These assets are at work and ready to continue to support the next initiative.



PHILANTHROPIC LEVERAGE

WE BRING

A philanthropic network ready to multiply public investment

IN PRACTICE

We hold relationships with donors and funders who want to invest in Nevada County — and every County dollar activates them



COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE

WE BRING

Trusted, neutral community governance

IN PRACTICE

A 501(c)(3) structure that earns community trust, convenes advisory bodies, and gives decisions staying power



LASTING STEWARDSHIP

WE BRING

Permanent capital infrastructure that outlasts any contract

IN PRACTICE

Endowed funds and stewarded capital pools that serve Nevada County for 20+ years — beyond any political or budget cycle



CROSS-SECTOR REACH

WE BRING

A living network across every sector in the county

IN PRACTICE

Nonprofits, donors, faith communities, and civic leaders already connected, already coordinated, ready to be convened



RAPID RESPONSE

WE BRING

Flexible capital that moves at community speed

IN PRACTICE

Funds that can be activated for emerging priorities before they become crises



Where This Is Going

Early-stage directions — pointing toward a different way of supporting this work.

COAD Implementation

- Blueprint complete
- Partners aligned→ *Including Connecting Point / 211, nonprofit service providers*
- Exploring implementation pathways

Community Giving Platform

- Countywide giving day in development
- *Led through Center for Nonprofit Leadership network*
→ *Designed to support 40–50 local nonprofits*
→ *Building long-term fundraising capacity across the sector*

Regional Collaboration

- Early conversations with Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation
- Exploring a cross-county coordination model for COAD→ *Model includes braided funding across jurisdictions*
- Expanding CNL services to the Truckee region

Organizational Readiness

- National accreditation in progress
- *Council on Foundations National Standards*
→ *Strengthening governance, financial systems, and accountability*



What This Partnership Makes Possible

Aligned with the County's core priorities—from emergency preparedness to economic vitality and community well-being.

Strengthening Community Systems

- Disaster readiness and response (Relief Fund, COAD)
- Nonprofit capacity building and coordination (CNL)
- Leadership development (NCCLI)

Expanding Economic & Community Opportunity

- Rural investment and capacity building (Ridge work)
- Arts and creative economy (Arts Innovation Fund)
- Early exploration of new models (parks, local economic tools)

Leveraging Resources for Emerging Priorities

- Bringing new philanthropic capital into the County
- Aligning partners and funding across sectors
- Supporting emerging priorities as they take shape

A flexible, community-based approach to advancing priorities that require coordination, partnership and resource alignment.



Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)

Presentation by Erika Kosina, Community Foundation Project Consultant for the COAD



DISASTER READINESS

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A resilient Nevada County requires the whole community to be involved in disaster planning and preparedness. Government and first responders play a critical role, but community partners are a force multiplier in this space. By coordinating communication and resources among nonprofit and faith-based organizations, our COADs streamline and strengthen the ability to meet unmet needs during and after a disaster.

– Alex Keeble Toll, Director, Nevada County Office of Emergency Services



What Is a COAD?

Community Organizations Active in Disaster

A consortium of nonprofit, faith-based, and community-based organizations that coordinate to:

- Reduce duplication of effort during disasters
- Identify gaps in services and resources
- Coordinate across all phases: preparedness, response, and long-term recovery
- Reach populations that government messaging may miss
- Serve as the bridge between community organizations and the EOC

107

Potential COAD participants identified

42

Organizations engaged in planning process

\$75K

League of CA Community Foundations grant secured

Western Nevada County has experienced the River Fire, Jones Fire, Snowmageddon, and COVID-19 — a COAD ensures we're ready for what comes



How It Works

Three distinct roles — coordinated, not overlapping

Nevada County OES

Government Authority & Incident Command

- Declares disasters and manages the Emergency Operations Center
- Coordinates public safety, evacuation, and life-safety operations
- Requests state and federal assistance

COAD

Cross-Sector Coordination

- Aligns nonprofits, faith-based orgs, and community partners
- Identifies service gaps and unmet needs
- Operates parallel to — not within — government command structure

COAD Participants (CBOs)

Service Delivery

- Deliver direct services within their organizational mission
- Share resource availability and field intelligence with COAD
- Retain independent governance and operational authority

Government manages command and control. COAD manages coordination. Participants deliver services.



Western Nevada County COAD – Structure & Next Steps

Recommended Structure

Host Organization

Connecting Point — existing infrastructure, EOC relationships, and experience with the Tahoe Truckee COAD

Fiscal Sponsor

Community Foundation of Nevada County — accepts and manages funds on behalf of the COAD

COAD Manager

Dedicated paid staff position — essential for sustained momentum and network building

Advisory Committee

Small, strategy-focused group including OES, Nevada City, Grass Valley, and COFONC

Implementation – Next Steps

1

Secure funding

Braided model across county, city, and philanthropic sources — ~\$489K over 3 years

2

Hire COAD Manager

Housed at Connecting Point; strong local knowledge and government relations experience required

3

Convene Advisory Committee

OES, Nevada City, Grass Valley, COFONC, and Connecting Point confirmed

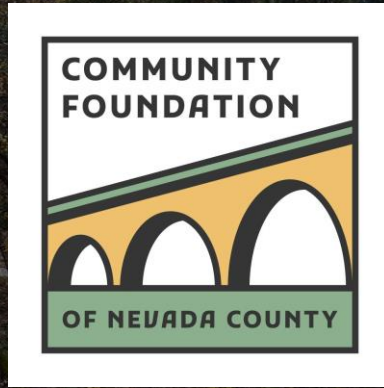
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Build participant network

107 organizations identified; 42 engaged; outreach ongoing to South County, tribal community, Firewise areas

Erika Kosina, Erika Kosina Consulting — will now present the full COAD Blueprint





Staff Leadership

Cristine Kelly, CEO
Wendy Willoughby, CNL Director

Financial Investment Committee

Cliff Brown
Clare McAdams
Dylan Hendricks
Liam Apple
Ty Zwick

THANK YOU!

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