



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AWARD OF \$1,991,884 IN “COMMUNITY RESILIENCY GRANTS” FUNDED BY THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2021/22 FUND 1111 BUDGETS (4/5 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE REQUIRED).

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors passed and adopted Resolutions 20-062, ratifying the declaration of a local health emergency in Nevada County, and 20-063, proclaiming a local emergency in Nevada County, due to rapid spread of COVID-19 in a growing number of countries, including the United States, and the potential introduction of COVID-19 in the County of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Governor of California issued a statewide Executive Order, N-33-20, which required Californians to remain at their home or place of residence, except as necessary to carry out essential activities and to heed State Public Health Officer Directives; and

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 four grants programs and one loan program, including the “Community Resiliency Grants” program, which was allotted up to \$2 Million to support eligible entities with programs and projects that respond to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and are designed to increase resiliency, support recovery, and provide relief; and

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2021, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors passed and adopted Resolution 21-284 authorizing various expenditures from the ARPA allocation including up to \$2 Million for the “Community Resiliency Grants” program; and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2021, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors passed and adopted Resolution 21-339 approving the Request for Applications and award selection procedures for the Community Resiliency Grant Program and authorizing the Purchasing Division to advertise for qualified applications; and

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2021, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors passed and adopted Resolution 21-450, establishing a budget for the remainder of the first tranche of the ARPA allocation, including up to \$2,000,000 for Community Resiliency Grants to address the negative economic impacts of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, 73 eligible applications were received totaling \$4,967,963 in requests; and

WHEREAS, a nine member evaluation panel (Panel), consisting of six community leaders and three county staff, met five times to review and score applications to provide the County Executive Officer (CEO) with a recommended list of eligible awardees; and

WHEREAS, the Panel presented recommendations to the CEO and the CEO identified thirty-two applications for recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for final approval and award; and

WHEREAS, if the Board approves this Resolution, staff will work with awardees to develop agreements, and those agreements will be brought back to the Board for authorization to execute; and

WHEREAS, a budget amendment is required to move the appropriation intended for Community Resiliency Grants into the Economic Development budget unit, from which grant payments will be issued.

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

1. The CEO's recommendations to award \$1,991,884 in "Community Resiliency Grants" are hereby approved as follows:

RESPONDING FIRMS	Recommended Award Amount
South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL)	\$53,202
Bear River Recreation and Park District	\$100,000
Interfaith Food Ministries	\$25,000
Truckee River Watershed Council	\$20,000
Bear Yuba Land Trust	\$20,000
Tahoe Truckee School of Music	\$75,000
League of Women Voters of Western Nevada County	\$12,000
KidZone Museum	\$50,000
Music In the Mountains	\$75,000
San Juan Ridge Community Library	\$25,000
Truckee Downtown Merchants Association	\$85,000
Golden Empire Grange #806	\$15,000
Penn Valley Community Rodeo Association	\$25,000
Sierra Community House	\$100,000
Woolman at Sierra Friends Center	\$31,500
Gold Country Senior Services	\$99,490
Habitat for Humanity	\$100,000
Grass Valley Downtown Association	\$99,174
Gateway Mountain Center	\$85,000

Bright Futures for Youth	\$85,000
Curious Forge	\$92,120
Child Advocates of Nevada County	\$50,000
Nevada Theatre Commission	\$100,000
Neighborhood Center for the Arts	\$100,000
Rough & Ready Grange	\$38,500
Nevada County Arts Council	\$76,000
Nevada City Chamber of Commerce	\$50,000
Local Planning Council for Child Care Development	\$100,000
Community Beyond Violence	\$50,000
Synergia Learning Center	\$19,560
Greenhorn Firewise Community	\$62,370
North San Juan Community Center	\$72,968
TOTAL	\$1,991,884.00

2. The Auditor-Controller is hereby directed to amend the Fund 1111 Budgets as follows:

Decrease:	1111-10206-273-0000 / 538555	\$1,991,884
Increase:	1111-10902-272-0209 / 521525	\$1,991,884