

Community Resiliency Grant Program

funded by the American
Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)



In April 2021, the Board Allocated \$5.8 million for Community and Economic Resiliency.

The Community Resiliency Grants program is the second of 5 grant and loan programs authorized by the Board on 6/22/21. This is Round 2 of those Community Resiliency Grants.

“Community & Economic Resiliency” Programs	Amount:	Status:
Nevada County Relief Fund	\$250,000	BOS approved 7/13/21; microgrants to small businesses managed by Sierra Business Council
Community Resiliency Grants Program	Up to \$2,000,000	BOS approved Round One Recommended awards, with individual contracts to be brought back. Approximately one hundred thousand did not go out in round one, and second round focused on business serving entities was released on March 18, 2022.
Resilience Loan Fund	\$250,000	Pending. For revolving loan fund to be managed by Sierra Business Council
Economic Recovery Funds (infrastructure)	Up to \$2,500,000	Pending. For eligible infrastructure projects (water, sewer, broadband)
Outdoor Recreation and Visitor Safety Funds	\$800,000 to \$1M	For improvements to major river crossings and trailheads impacted by increased visitation. Board established budget for various items to be brought back later.
Total:	\$5,800,000*	*Allocations to remain flexible in order to best support Board objectives

The Community Resiliency Grants Program

Nevada County to fund 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**.

ROUND 2: Guidelines and format were consistent with the first, with the exception being that the RFP focused eligibility specifically on **entities providing small business support services who had not received a previous Community Resiliency grant**.



Application Process

Applications opened	March 18, 2022
Pre-Application Conference.....	March 29, 2022
Application Submission Deadline.....	April 14, 2022
Approval by Board of Supervisors.....	May 24, 2022

- An evaluation panel (2 staff and 2 community members) reviewed and scored responses
- Panel was advisory to the CEO, who made final recommendation



Requests, Criteria, Scoring

- Purchasing received 4 applications totaling \$235,575
- Proposals had to:
 - Describe **economic harm** experienced
 - Respond to the **negative economic impact**
 - Provide **community benefits**
 - Leverage **partnerships and funding**
 - **Demonstrate capacity** to manage the grant

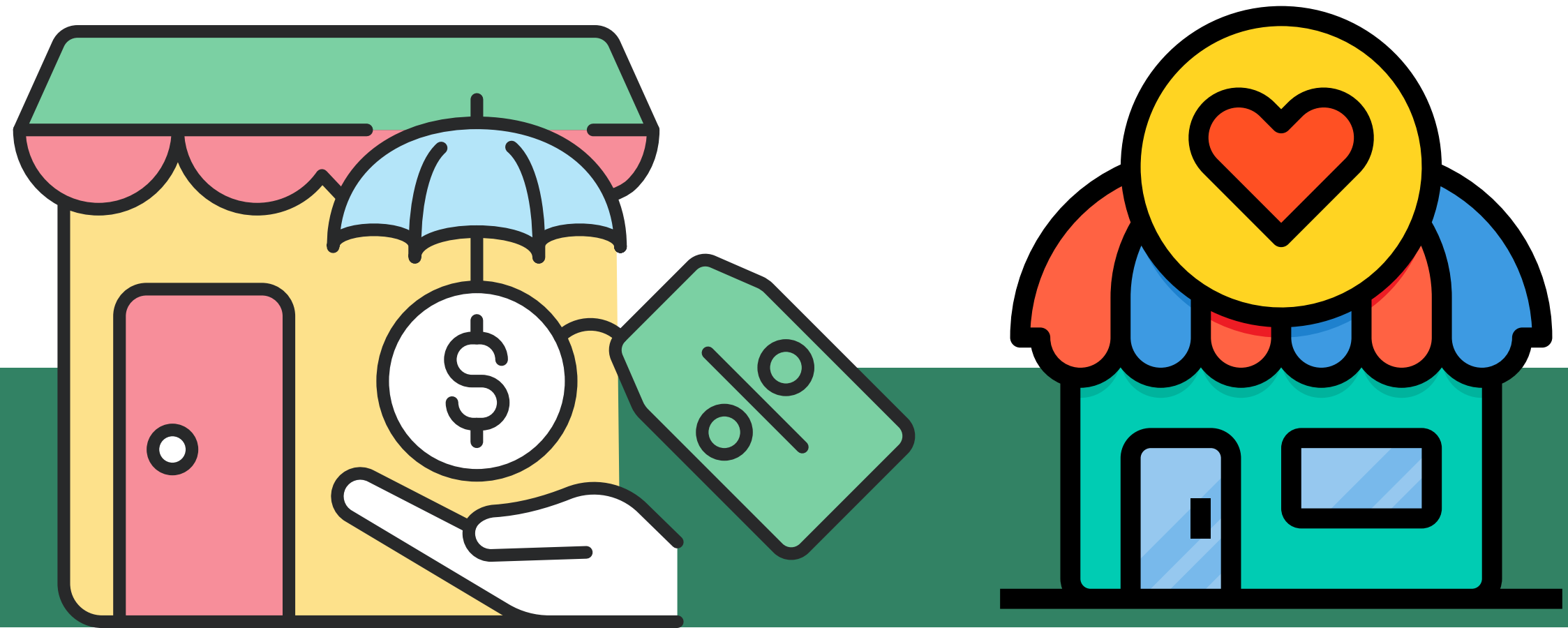


Recommendation to Award Three Entities

- **Grass Valley Downtown Association** \$69,000
- **Nevada County Economic Resources Council** \$35,000
- **Sierra Commons** \$36,000

Total Recommended Awards:

\$140,000



Recommended Action and Next Steps:

Adopt all three resolutions approving grant awards to recommended entities and authorizing Chair of the Board to execute grant agreements.

Awardees will provide quarterly reports which will be made available on Nevada County's website.



Questions?



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