

Community Resiliency Grant Awards Update

Funded by the American Rescue
Plan Act



American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Summary

- \$19.4M County Allocation
- Funds must be fully obligated by December 31, 2024

ARPA Policy Direction:

- **Provide support to the community to encourage economic recovery and resiliency**
- **Continue to fund costs and revenue loss related to the COVID-19 pandemic**
- **Focus on outcomes, including BOS priorities where possible**
- **Leverage this one-time funding to provide long term benefits to the County**
- Avoid funding items that could be funded by other state or federal sources
- Be strategic and measured, as we have a longer time horizon to spend the dollars
- Remain flexible, as County needs and Federal guidance may evolve over time

Information and Board actions taken are available on the county website

Community & Economic Resiliency -\$5.8 Million

Programs	Expenditure Plan Amount	Spent/Obligated To Date	Total Obligated	Remaining
Community Resilience Grants	Board Approved \$2,032,710	\$2,032,710	\$2,032,710	\$0
Resilience Fund (revolving loans)	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$250,000
Nevada County Relief Fund	\$250,000	\$202,125	\$202,125	\$0
Nevada County Economic Recovery Funds (infrastructure & broadband)	Up to \$2,500,000	\$0	\$0	Up to \$2,500,000
Nevada County Outdoor Recreation & Visitor Safety Funds	\$800,000 to \$1,000,000	\$0	\$450,000	\$0
	\$5,800,000		\$2,684,835	\$3,115,165

The Community Resiliency Grants Program

Nevada County to fund projects or programs that respond to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and are 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
% of Grants Completed:	29%
% of Grants in Progress:	71%
% in Compliance:	100%
% of Total Funds Expended as of 12/15/22:	74%



Awarded grants in 6 general sectors

Multi Sector Awardees

SAFETY NET - 26%	ARTS - 22%	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - 16%	EDUCATION / YOUTH – 14%	COMMUNITY CENTERS – 9%	ENVIRONMENT/ RECREATION – 13%
Ministries 2. Sierra Community House 3. Gold Country Senior Services 4. Habitat for Humanity 5. Child Advocates of Nevada County 6. Local Planning Council for Child Care Development 7. Community Beyond Violence	School of Music 2. Music In the Mountains 3. Nevada Theatre 4. Neighborhood Center for the Arts 5. Nevada County Arts Council	Downtown Merchants Association 2. Grass Valley Downtown Association 3. Curious Forge 4. Nevada City Chamber of Commerce 5. Nevada County Economic Resource Council 6. Sierra Commons	Futures for Youth 2. KidZone Museum 3. League of Women Voters 4. Woolman at Sierra Friends Center 5. Synergia Learning Center 6. Gateway Mountain Center	Community Library 2. Golden Empire Grange #806 3. Penn Valley Community Rodeo Association 4. Rough & Ready Grange 5. North San Juan Community Center	River Citizens League 2. Truckee River Watershed Council 3. Bear Yuba Land Trust 4. Bear River Park and Recreation 5. Greenhorn Firewise Community

Safety Net Services Highlight: Interfaith Food Ministries

Total Grant Amount Awarded: \$25,000/complete

Project Scope: IFM provides free, wholesome, nutritious food to low- income families and individuals impacted by Covid. The entire grant amount of \$25,000 has been split evenly between local and non-perishable foods.



Safety Net Services

Highlight:

Nevada County Habitat for Humanity:

Total Grant Amount Awarded: \$100,000

Project Scope: NC Habitat for Humanity will use their grant funds to help build 12 low-income homes in the Heritage Oaks II neighborhood. As of September 2022, site and architecture plans have been completed, permitting applications have been submitted, and a public ground-breaking for the project occurred on 07/21/22.



Arts Highlight: Tahoe Truckee School of Music

Total Grant Amount Awarded: \$75,000

Project Scope: TTSM partnered with Sierra High School and Truckee River School to provide weekly music classes, provided just under 200 hours of live music to the community, purchased instruments and musical supplies to provide a free musical instrument rental program, and created work for professional musicians paying them more than \$130,000 so far this year.



Arts Highlight: Music in the Mountains

Total Grant Amount Awarded: \$75,000

Project Scope: Grant funds are being used to pay for salaries and benefits for artistic staff for children's education programs both in and after school. These programs include: MIM Youth Orchestra program (after school), Music for Young Minds (in-school), and summer children's concert.

Funds Expended as of 10/10/22: \$33,750



Economic Development Highlight: The Curious Forge

Total Grant Amount Awarded: \$92,120

Project Scope: The Curious Forge developed a 12-week Metal Fabrication Program Workforce Development initiative. This will provide jobs for one instructor and one assistant and will train 8 people per session. This initial program is for low-income households, offering increased resiliency by training in a living wage job.

- This program will support local metal shops by providing well-trained individuals allowing businesses to expand and grow.

Funds Expended as of 10/10/22: \$69,090



Economic Development Highlights:

Nevada County Economic Resource Council

Grant amount: \$35,000/\$17,500

Sierra Commons Grant amount: \$36,000/\$32,400

Grass Valley Downtown Association

Grant amount: \$69,000/\$62,100



Economic Development Highlight: Truckee Downtown Merchants Association

Total Grant Amount Awarded: \$85,000/complete

Project Scope: The Truckee Downtown Merchants Association's (TDMA) Truckee Thursdays 8-week Summer Street Fair successfully provided the opportunity for businesses from a variety of industry to increase their exposure and income. Truckee Thursdays Summer Street Fair is a local favorite because it supports our community financially and socially. As Truckee's largest event, Truckee Thursdays brings community together as well as acts as an incubator for new business and Town of Truckee programs.



Education/ Youth Highlight: KidZone Museum

Total Grant Amount Awarded: \$50,000

Project Scope: The KidZone community advocate continued to work with 20 education and social service partner agencies to reach 300 children and families in their neighborhoods, off site and in the museum. KidZone made and delivered 500 hands-on kits filled with age-appropriate books, puzzles, art or science activities families can use at home and supported scholarships for families to visit the museum or participate in programs that equal a value of \$4000.

- KidZone also bought masks for all guests and partnered with Tahoe Forest Hospital to help us distribute vaccine information to families who speak Spanish.



Education/ Youth Highlight: Synergia Learning Center

Total Grant Amount Awarded: \$19,560/ Complete

- **Project Scope:** The ARPA Community Resiliency Grant allowed Synergia to do two things: Pay operating expenses that had accumulated during the Covid lockdown and beyond and start rebuilding their capacity. They were able to run several full programs between April and October 2022 for a total of 524 participant days serving 200 “unique visitors”. **Our staff are relieved to be employed, and so happy to be working with youth again. And most importantly, youth who were isolated socially during the pandemic can once again be together in an environment that fosters collaboration and connection.**



Community Centers Highlight: Golden Empire Grange

Total Grant Amount Awarded: \$15,000/complete

Project Scope: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, club meetings were suspended, and incoming revenue ceased. The Grange could not rent out the hall to generate revenue. With no financial reserves or any incoming renter's revenue, the Grange was unable to replace the old HVAC units. The grant was their lifeline – without the grant money they would have gone out of business and would have had to close the building.



Community Centers Highlight: North San Juan Community Center

Total Grant Amount Awarded: \$72,968/complete

Project Scope: The ARPA Grant funds were used to drill and case a new well and replace old water lines. In the last few years the Community Center well has run dry, impacting our ability to serve the community. The NSJ Community Center is a vital access point not only for community gatherings, but also food distribution, senior services, and other safety net services.

With a viable water source, North San Juan Community Center provides relief, recovery, and community resiliency through access to services for the local community.



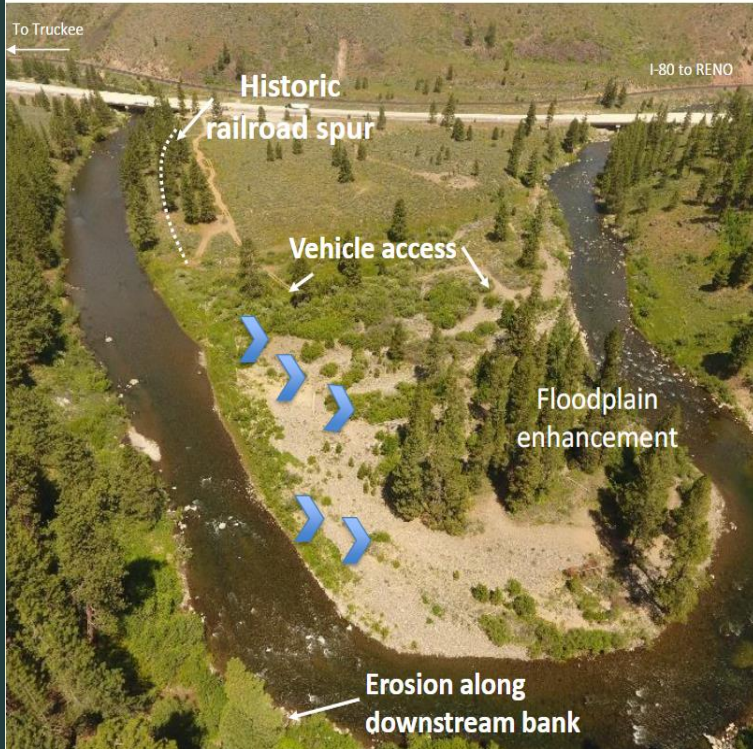
Community Centers Highlight: Penn Valley Rodeo Association

- **Total Grant Amount Awarded:** \$25,000/complete
- **Project Scope:** This grant is being used to cover 2022 rent, and some of the PVRA insurance premiums. The funds also went towards repairs to the bleachers, man bridge, and arena on the rodeo grounds due to no activity during 2020 and 2021. Without these funds we would not have been able to pay for the 2022 rodeo which was held in May 2022. This event is the largest single event in Penn Valley and provides other local non-profits the avenue to earn money for their groups.



Environment/ Recreation Highlight: Truckee River Watershed Council

Truckee River Wildlife Area – Boca



15 Acres to be restored

Benefits

- Re-connect Floodplain
- Regain aquatic and riparian habitat
- Improve water quality
- Restore 15 acres
- Improve stream miles

2019 Development start
2020-2022 Design
2023 Implementation
2024-2026 Monitoring

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Total Grant Amount Awarded: \$20,000/complete

Project Scope: This grant allowed TRWC to increase resiliency, support recovery, and provide relief in order to continue to carry out their mission in the community. It has allowed them to move multiple large scale restoration projects through the development phase, and specifically helped with Partner and Stakeholder coordination which includes partner meetings at project milestones like field data review, prelim design review, and design finalization.

Environment/ Recreation Project Highlight: Greenhorn Firewise Community

Total Grant Amount Awarded: \$62,370/complete

Project Scope: Installation of water tanks in two locations on the Eastern end of Greenhorn Road that will store 20,000 gallons of water to be used for fire suppression by fire agencies.



Community Resiliency Grant Funding Update



Original Approved Community Resiliency Grant Total:

\$2,032,710.00

Grantee claims paid out in FY 21/22:

\$1,505,791.50

Grantee claims paid out in FY 22/23:

\$71,022.00

Total Funds disbursed:

\$1,576,813.50

Total Funds remaining to be disbursed:

\$455,896.50

How do I find more information on the ARPA grants?



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American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

The [American Rescue Plan Act of 2021](#) ("ARPA") (H.R. 1319) is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus package passed by Congress and signed by President Joe Biden on March 11, 2021, in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and associated economic challenges. First proposed on January 14, 2021, the package builds upon many of the measures in the CARES Act 2020 and in the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2021, including \$350 billion in state and local Aid, divided evenly between non-county municipalities and counties.

The draft ARPA Expenditure Plan was brought to the Board of Supervisors on 4/27/2021 (see below for links to key documents). In that meeting, it was identified that there would be flexibility and that the Plan would be revisited in the upcoming months as priorities change. Specific expenditures will be evaluated and brought to the Board of Supervisors on a periodic basis throughout the eligible period (beginning on March 3, 2021, and end on December 31, 2024).

Detailed guidance on the use of ARPA funds from the U.S. Department of Treasury is still underway, and all expenses will be evaluated for further eligibility based on that guidance. The draft plan summarized below is based on initial guidelines.

\$5.8M to Support the Local Economy

The Nevada County Board of Supervisors unanimously allocated 30% of the County's \$19.3 Million allocation from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), approximately \$5.8 Million, to support "Community & Economic Resiliency." The \$5.8 Million is intended to offset COVID-19 related economic hardships and disruptions to local businesses and nonprofits and foster economic recovery.



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