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Dear County of Nevada Board of Supervisors,

Bear Yuba Land Trust (BYLT) is honored to have received a Community Resiliency Grant that has allowed us to begin the process of improving trail signage on the 45+ miles of trail that BYLT has built and maintains in our community. During the COVID19 pandemic, the trail systems saw more visitation than ever before which was wonderful. A huge part of BYLT's mission is to provide ways to connect people with nature to improve their quality of life and build awareness of the importance of protecting nature for future generations.

The funding that we have been awarded by Nevada County has allowed us to improve signage to enhance the trail user experience. This includes providing kiosks with trail maps, mileage signage for navigation, and wayfinding signage to improve connectivity between trail systems as needed. The funding has also helped to fund staff that maintain our trail systems. With the winter storms of 2022 and current storms have left many downed trees and debris on the trails, and this funding has assisted with the extra work needed to keep these trails open and plan reroutes in areas where restoration is impossible. We are also able to improve our trails portal system and our outreach to allow more people access to these beautiful places.

BYLT has been providing outdoor recreation opportunities for over 30 years and greatly appreciates the support and dedication that the Nevada County Board of Supervisors and County Staff have given to these issues in recent years. When we work together we can do so much more for our community!

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Best regards,  
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We wanted to express our appreciation for having received the resiliency grant last year !We've been able to begin our workforce development initiative, a Metal Fabrication Certificate program, which will begin Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>. This program will lead to living wage jobs and help many of our metal fab shops in the area find qualified workers.

We've been able to expand our facilitator pool and offer more workshops which led to doubling our workshop income last year. Included in these workshops were new Mingle and Make and Family classes, inexpensively priced workshops to expand access to the community.

We were able to modify our community room for workshops and to host a sponsored figure drawing class, also expanding access to the community.

We've been able to create private group classes as well and have hosted Nevada County CEO's office team event and the Wounded Warriors group, helping veterans with PTSD.

This is just a snapshot but we wanted to let you know!

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Kidzone Museum is so grateful for these funds. It allowed the museum to begin recovery from an 18 month closure and serve Nevada County families who really need a place to gather and play together.

School teachers tell us that post covid, they are seeing a huge increase of kindergartners needing speech therapy and fine motor skill development. Local mental health professionals tell us they have never seen so many young children showing signs of depression like a disconnect from peers and sadness from a lack of social interaction.

The museum is seeing an unprecedented amount of visitors. All who engage in social play in our exhibits that are designed to help a child's development. We could not be here for Nevada County families if it were not for the support like this resiliency grant. We are grateful and thank you so much.

KidZone staff and Board.

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