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Dear Members of the Board and Staff:

I am writing in support of Agenda item 22, Res. 20-348, specifically in support of the \$100,000 grant for Sierra Community House.

I have volunteered with the Sierra Community House (formerly Truckee Family Resource Center) for nearly eight years providing pro bono legal services for its low-income clients. I know how hard the SCH staff works to serve our under-served community because I have been there and seen our staff in action. Their dedication and increased commitment in response to the pandemic prompt me to urge your approval of Sierra Community House's proposed award of \$100,000 from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) "Economic & Community Resiliency Grants" Program.

Sierra Community House's services have always been critical to the Truckee/Tahoe Community, but the unprecedented demand on its services since the onset of COVID-19 further elevates the importance of SCH's mission. I have spoken with the front-line workers who deliver food to needy families throughout the region. They speak of the herculean effort required to expand and revamp the hunger program to meet the growing needs of our community in the face of the logistical challenges posed by the need to contain the pandemic.

The July 1, 2019 consolidation of the Family Resource Center of Truckee, the North Tahoe Family Resource Center, Project MANA, and Tahoe SAFE Alliance into Sierra Community House marked a historic event in our community where non-profit partners joined together to provide more holistic and streamlined support. Sierra Community House is essential as the only organization in Eastern Nevada County providing such holistic services. Their efforts are keeping our community safe, healthy, and sheltered. SCH deserves your help. Please grant the award.

Jan Zabriskie