Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors of Nevada County,

I would like to extend my approval and support of The Nevada County Board of Supervisors granting Neighborhood Center of the Arts (NCA) their requested allotment of the Community Resiliency Grant.

NCA has greatly benefited many of the disabled adults in our community by giving them a place to to be productive, learn new skills and meet with peers. The funds being requested for maintaining the building and rent would greatly ease the burden felt by the impact of the pandemic and allow NCA to continue serving our Artists.

I thank you making these monies available and for supporting Nevada County and Neighborhood Center of the Arts by allotting the requested amount of the grant.

Sincerely,

Lisa Sheetz, President Neighborhood Center of the Arts Board Of Directors

Sent from my iPhone

From:	Bo Littig	
To:	bdofsupervisors	
Subject:	Community Resiliency Grant	
Date:	Tuesday, November 2, 2021 9:41:38 PM	

Dear Nevada County Board of Supervisors,

I'm writing you to encourage your acceptance of Neighborhood Center of the Arts in the Community Resilient Grant. This organization of the past thirty five years has continued in its limited capacity during COVID-19 in supporting the 68 artists of Developmental Disabled and Intellectually Challenged adults. I ask that you support this community service for this wonderful, sometimes forgotten population.

Best Regards,

Bo Littig Board member Neighborhood Center of the Arts

Please consider Neighborhood Center of the Arts (NCA) as a recipient of the proposed Community Resiliency grant.

NCA has been an essential core for the special needs community for many years, representing thousands of volunteer hours and joy to the many families who have participated.

Art from the members of NCA hang in homes throughout the county and even abroad.

I support NCA and ask you to, also.

Thank you for your consideration,

Daria Kent Community Member for 34 years

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

It was in the Spring of 1979, after my husband and I moved to Nevada County the precious year, that I was hired through Sierra College's special education department to work at the Nevada County Community Workshop (the county's version of PRIDE).

As a satellite program we offered classes for independent living for the developmentally disabled students who worked at the Workshop through contracts with local businesses. One of the programs was run by Gillian Hodge as an art instructor for the students as well.

When the Workshop closed, Gillian, with the help of the county started the Neighborhood Center for the Arts. Many of my students and those from the Workshop continued their artistic interests through the NCA.

This is such a special program and is a testament to the creative spirit of our unique and innovative educators and artists in our county. I am asking you to please keep this vital program alive and hold deep respect for our special artists in support of what they bring to our county. I still have so many beautiful paintings and collection of ceramic items throughout my home.

Remember, we are remembered for not what we say, but what we do!

Thank you, Barbara Larsen

From:	Richard Thomas		
To:	bdofsupervisors		
Subject:	Resilience Grants - Neighborhood Center for the Arts		
Date:	Wednesday, November 3, 2021 10:45:14 AM		

Members of the Board of Supervisors of Nevada County,

It has come to our attention that there is an opportunity for the County to support the <u>Neighborhood Center for the Art</u>s with funds from the Community Resiliency Grant account. **We strongly support** this opportunity that we have as a community to bolster the organization that provides services to this important local group, their staff and their many volunteers.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and for your commitment to our county.

Richard and Theresa Thomas



Monika Wescott		
bdofsupervisors		
Grant for Neighborhood Center of the Arts		
Wednesday, November 3, 2021 10:48:44 AM		



Dear Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to you in support of the Neighborhood Center of the Arts to receive a \$100,000 grant from the Community Resiliency Grant. The NCA is an absolutely vital program for many of our resident artists and their families. Even during Covid time, while the studio is closed mandatorily, the staff has continued to supply the artists with art materials to make it possible for them to continue painting and keep them occupied.

Thanks to this generous grant, the Center will be able to keep its doors open so that the fantastic staff can continue to engage the artists to the best of their abilities, hopefully on location soon. Please don't let the Neighborhood Center of the Arts close forever due to lack of funding.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Monika Wescott

Monika B. Wescott

From:	Carla Bonetti
To:	bdofsupervisors
Subject:	Community Resiliency Grant/ Neighborhood Center of the Arts
Date:	Wednesday, November 3, 2021 11:03:23 AM

Dear Supervisors,

Since 1966, when NCA started out as the Community Workshop, the organization has been serving the needs of Nevada County adults with developmental disabilities. In 1984, it became a new program to provide arts based training and education. In 1992, NCA introduced the Michael Quesada Program to serve a wider group of individuals with developmental disabilities in the community.

The artists receive instruction, art supplies and social engagement, to name a few benefits they receive from participating in NCA programming. They also receive money from the sale of their work which is a huge acknowledgement of their talent.

NCA studios are still closed due to State COVID safety rules. But the bills haven't changed. Income and donations have fallen. Even with these challenges their fantastic staff keep contact with NCA artists. Staff keeps in contact via phone calls and Zoom and they also deliver art supplies so the artists can continue with their art. Hopefully soon, staff and artists will be able to interact again in person.

I sincerely hope you will give a great deal of consideration to awarding NCA with this much needed grant so they can continue their mission of working with this very underserved part of the Nevada County Community.

https://www.ncagrassvalley.org/

Very sincerely,

Carla Bonetti Former Board Member

From:	Michael & Heather Llewellyn		
To:	bdofsupervisors		
Subject:	Neighborhood Center for the Arts		
Date:	Wednesday, November 3, 2021 1:05:06 PM		

Dear Supervisors,

We understand that Neighborhood Center for the Arts (NCA) is eligible to receive funding from the Community Resiliency Grant. We want to encourage you to grant NCA as much funding as they are eligible for. They not only do vital work in our community but have been well run with solid, transparent, non-profit standards for many years. As we're sure you're aware, the pandemic has been brutally challenging for organizations like NCA that have onsite programs. It would be a great loss to the community as a whole if this organization had to close it's doors. Please invest in them and, through them, the continued well-being of our community.

Sincerely,

Heather and Michael Llewellyn



From:	Wendy Thibeault	
To:	bdofsupervisors	
Subject:	Neighborhood Center for the Arts is Vital	
Date:	Thursday, November 4, 2021 12:49:53 AM	

Hello Board of Supervisors, I have visited NCA many times over the years and witnessed how important this program is to the clients and to the staff. Artistic expression and the social interactions with similarly developmentally disabled adults gives them a sense of self value that would not be possible without a place to meet and have access to materials and professional and lay support.

I usually purchase hand made cards and different artwork at a couple of public sales each year. I have pieces on my walls and in the garden and they give me great pleasure visually and knowing I can financially support the program even if only in a small way.

I am sorry all the participants have been missing all the benefits of the program at the center and applaud the staff for staying in touch and providing materials to keep them creating and maintaining their physical and mental health. I hope they can resume on-site activities soon.

Please continue your support of this program. Thank you.

Wendy (Stephanie) Thibeault, Nevada City resident.

From:	Sharon Rose		
To:	bdofsupervisors		
Subject:	Grant Money for NCA		
Date:	Wednesday, November 3, 2021 9:02:01 PM		

Dear Board Members,

The staff, board and artists of Neighborhood Center for Arts ask that you consider granting these special artists the ability to keep their doors open. These individuals gain so much from this program and the ability to continue making their art is vital for their well being.

Thank you for putting this deserving program for disadvantaged citizens a priority for this grant money.

Sincerely,

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Sharon Ruth Rose



Begin forwarded message:

From: Laurie DesJardins Subject: Community Resiliency Grant, Neighborhood Center of the Arts Date: November 3, 2021 at 8:52:36 PM PDT To: BOS.PublicComment@co.nevada.ca.us

I want to thank the board of supervisors for considering granting funds to Neighborhood Center of the Arts through the Community Resiliency Grant program. NCA clearly deserves your support. It is a one of a kind special place, providing a safe and caring environment as well as a meaningful experience for those who attend. It certainly brings inspiration and joy to those who are affiliated with the organization. NCA encourages adults with disabilities to use their unique creativity in making beautiful pieces of art, and also develops their social skills by providing opportunities for friendship and support. It's uplifting just to walk through the doors of the center - where the people are as vibrant as the works of art adorning the walls.

My family has been loving NCA since my son started attending several years ago. It is a vital service for us as well as for many others. It enriches our lives and we believe it enhances our whole community. This grant will allow this wonderful program to continue to flourish and bounce back from the difficulties encountered during this past year and a half. Thank you for this support.

Sincerely,

Laurie DesJardins Parent of NCA attendee NCA Board Member

From:	Pat Lang	
To:	bdofsupervisors	
Subject:	Community Resiliency Grant	
Date:	Wednesday, November 3, 2021 8:35:14 PM	

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I would like you to be aware of how the NeighborhoodCenter of the Arts has managed to continue serving their special needs artists through the Covid 19 shutdown.

Many of the artists are medically fragile or compromised, so in order for them to continue their amazing work, management brought the needed art materials to them at home and got even more creative with ways for the artists to be able sell their works.

Now these hard working special artists are able to continue to be contributing citizens -a benefit for all!

Pat Lang Former NCA board member

Sent from my iPhone

From:	Steve Nicola		
To:	bdofsupervisors		
Subject:	Neighborhood Center for the Arts		
Date:	Thursday, November 4, 2021 8:38:03 AM		

Dear Board Members,

My wife and I urge you to approve the Community Resiliency Grant of \$100,00 to the Neighborhood Center of the Arts. I am hard pressed to think of a more deserving organization whose services are so vitally needed by this special segment of our community. The Center has a long and proven record of success in making a difference in the lives of their clients, whose unique gifts are recognized and rewarded by the wider community at large. Your favorable decision on behalf of the Center will help assure that it will continue to remain a an important and necessary part of our community for years to come.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Steve Nicola Wendy Thompson

From:	Hilary Hobbs
То:	BOS Public Comment
Subject:	Resolution approving the award of \$1,991,884 in Community Resiliency Grants
Date:	Friday, November 5, 2021 3:35:30 PM
Attachments:	Outlook-ybzdasgv.png
	Town of Truckee Community Resiliency Grant support letter.20211109.pdf

Attached please find a letter from the Town of Truckee supporting the agenda item 33 resolution to to approve the award of Community Resiliency Grants.

Best regards, Hilary Hobbs *(she/her)* Assistant to the Town Manager Town of Truckee (530)-582-2914

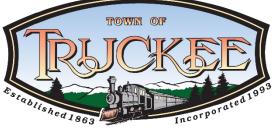


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Jen Callaway, Town Manager Andy Morris, Town Attorney Randall Billingsley, Chief of Police Daniel Wilkins, Public Works Director/Town Engineer Denyelle Nishimori, Community Development Director Nicole Casey, Interim Administrative Services Director Judy Price, Communications Director/Town Clerk Hilary Hobbs. Assistant to the Town Manager

November 9, 2021

Department Heads

Nevada County Board of Supervisors 950 Maidu Avenue Nevada City, CA 95959

Re: Resolution Approving the Award of \$1.99 million in Community Resiliency Grants funded by the American Rescue Plan Act

The Town of Truckee would like to express our appreciation for the Board of Supervisors' funding of the Community Resiliency Grant program and your ongoing support of Nevada County's community organizations and businesses throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. We fully support the proposed resolution, which would award nearly \$2 million of American Rescue Plan Act funds to 30 organizations County-wide, include many that serve the Truckee area.

Over the past twenty months, Nevada County's support of economic and community resiliency has been a critical lifeline to many of our community services, businesses, and residents. Last year the County's Coronavirus Relief Fund Economic & Community Resiliency Grant helped to fund the Truckee Winter Wonderland outdoor dining program. This successful program bolstered eastern Nevada County's economy and helped to maintain the vibrancy of our historic downtown through a challenging winter season. Additionally, the Nevada County Relief Fund, a public-private partnership that has received substantial County funding, has awarded hundreds of microgrants to Nevada County businesses, providing critical working capital to many of our small businesses that have been impacted by the pandemic.

On behalf of the Truckee community, we appreciate that the Community Resiliency Grant program will support critical programs throughout the County, including several entities that serve Truckee. We recognize the hard work that your evaluation panel put in to rigorously evaluating these applications, and encourage the Board of Supervisors to approve the funding awards as recommended.

Sincerely,

Anna Klovstad Mayor

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PLEASE consider the Community Resiliency Grant and keep the doors to Neighborhood Center for the Arts open!!

THANK YOU so much!

Carol Nimick



Sent from Gmail Mobile



November 9, 2021

Dan Miller, Supervisor, District Three Nevada County Board of Supervisors 950 Maidu Avenue Nevada City, CA 95959

Dear Dan,

Thank you for your public service.

Speaking on behalf of the Greenhorn Firewise Community (GFC), an all-volunteer organization, thank you for the opportunity to apply for a Community Resiliency Grant. Our funding request is for funds to help pay for the installation of two 20,000-gallon water tanks along the 6+ miles of the Greenhorn Road corridor.

The need for these water tanks was brought to us by Nevada County Consolidated Fire District (NCCFD) Fire Marshal Terry McMahan because there are no fire hydrants in most areas of Greenhorn Road for use by fire companies. As a result, water must be trucked in using water tenders. Fire Marshal McMahan's suggested solution was the installation of large community water tanks to shorten turnaround times and increase fire companies' ability to contain fires quickly.

We understand that the purpose of Community Resiliency Grants is to tackle COID-19 issues. Fire suppression is key to decreasing the impact of this deadly disease that attacks pulmonary function. The enclosed article, *"Wildfire smoke may have contributed to thousands of extra COVID-19 cases and deaths in western U.S. in 2020"* is an in-depth research article reporting a daily increase of fine particulate matter in the air for 28 subsequent days was associated with a 11.7% increase in COVID-19 cases and an 8.4% increase in COVID-19 deaths. Fire suppression is a vital part of minimizing the impact of COVID-19.

The Greenhorn Firewise Community has worked in partnership with NCCFD every step of the way on this water tank installation project. We are committed to seeing it through.

Again, thank you for your interest and your support. The Greenhorn Firewise Community Leaders Group thinks being a part of a solution-oriented county is terrific.

Sincerely,

Diame Marshall

Dianne Marshall, Section 8 Leader GFC Water Tank Installation Subcommittee Chair

ENCLOSURES:

- Letter of Support, Terry McMahan, Fire Marshal, Nevada County Consolidated District, Department of Fire Prevention
- "Wildfire smoke may have contributed to thousands of extra COVID-19 cases and deaths in western U.S. in 2020" Friday, August 13, 2021, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
- Attachment A: Line-Item Budget, Nevada County Community Resiliency Grants Program



Nevada County Consolidated Fire District Department of Fire Prevention

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September 12, 2021

- Re: Letter of Support for the Greenhorn Firewise Community Water Storage for Fire Protection Project.
- To Whom It May Concern,

We have reviewed the proposal by the Greenhorn Firewise Community to install (2) 20,000-gallon Community Water Storage Tanks for Fire Protection within their community.

Since there is no domestic water service in most areas of Greenhorn Road that means that there are no municipal fire hydrants for use by the Fire Agencies and we must rely on trucking in water using Water Tenders. Often times Water Tenders must shuttle several tanks of water to the fire scene. This means finding a reliable water source to shuttle water from often times several miles away from the incident. This process can take a lot of time.

One solution to this dilemma is the installation of large community water storage tanks to be utilized by the Fire Agencies to shorten these turn around times which in turn enhances the Fire Agencies ability to quickly contain a fire. Large community tanks as is being proposed by the Greenhorn Firewise Community is a great way to accomplish this task.

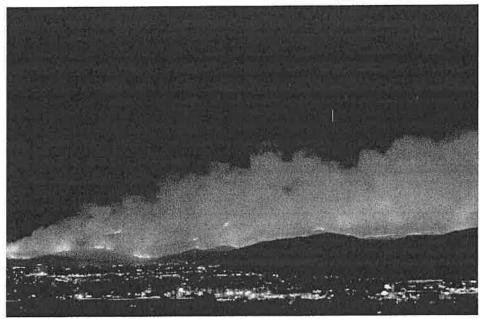
To my knowledge the Nevatla Irrigation District has no plans in the immediate future to extend water lines down the approximately 6-mile length of Greenhorn Road, so the Nevada County Consolidated Fire District supports this proposal.

Thank you,

Terry McMahan Fire Marshal

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Wildfire smoke may have contributed to thousands of extra COVID-19 cases and deaths in western U.S. in 2020



For immediate release: Friday, August 13, 2021

Boston, MA – Thousands of <u>COVID-19</u> cases and deaths in California, Oregon, and Washington between March and December 2020 may be attributable to increases in <u>fine particulate air</u> <u>pollution (PM2.5)</u> from wildfire smoke, according to a new study co-authored by researchers at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

The study is the first to quantify the degree to which increases in PM2.5 pollution during the wildfires contributed to excess COVID-19 cases and deaths in the U.S. It was published online August 13, 2021, in Science Advances.

"The year 2020 brought unimaginable challenges in public health, with the convergence of the COVID-19 pandemic and wildfires across the western United States. In this study we are providing evidence that <u>climate change</u>—which increases the frequency and the intensity of wildfires—and the pandemic are a disastrous combination," said <u>Francesca Dominici</u>, Clarence James Gamble Professor of Biostatistics, Population and Data Science at Harvard Chan School and senior author of the study.

In 2020, at the same time the nation was contending with the COVID-19 pandemic, huge wildfires swept across the western U.S., including some of the largest ever in California and Washington. Wildfires produce high levels of fine particulate matter (PM2.5), which has been linked with a host of negative health outcomes, including premature death, <u>asthma</u>, chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases (COPD), and other respiratory illnesses. In addition, recent studies have found a link between short- and long-term exposure to PM2.5 and COVID-19 cases and deaths.

The researchers—from Harvard Chan School, the John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences at Harvard University, and the Environmental Systems Research Institute in Redlands, Calif.—built and validated a statistical model to quantify the extent to which wildfire smoke may have contributed to excess COVID-19 cases and deaths in California, Oregon, and Washington, three states that bore the brunt of the 2020 wildfires. They looked at the connection between county- and daily-level data on PM2.5 air concentrations from monitoring data, wildfire days from satellite data, and the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths in 92 counties, which represented 95% of the population across the three states. The researchers accounted for factors such as weather, population size, and societal patterns of social distancing and mass gatherings.

The study found that from August 15 to October 15, 2020, when fire activity was greatest, daily levels of PM2.5 during wildfire days were significantly higher than on non-wildfire days, with a median of 31.2 micrograms per cubic meter of air (μ g/m3) versus 6.4 (μ g/m3). In some counties, the levels of PM2.5 on wildfire days reached extremely high levels. For instance, from September 14 to September 17, 2020, Mono County, Calif., experienced four days in a row with PM2.5 levels higher than 500 μ g/m3 as a result of the Creek Fire. Such levels are deemed "hazardous" by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Wildfires amplified the effect of exposure to PM2.5 on COVID-19 cases and deaths, up to four weeks after the exposure, the study found. In some counties, the percentage of the total number of COVID-19 cases and deaths attributable to high PM2.5 levels was substantial.

On average across all counties, the study found that a daily increase of 10 μ g/m3 in PM2.5 each day for 28 subsequent days was associated with an 11.7% increase in COVID-19 cases, and an 8.4% increase in COVID-19 deaths. The biggest effects for the COVID-19 cases were in the counties of Sonoma, Calif., and Whitman, Wash., with a 65.3% and 71.6% increase, respectively. The biggest effects for the COVID-19 deaths were in Calaveras, Calif., and San Bernardino, Calif., with a 52.8% and 65.9% increase, respectively.

Researchers also looked at individual wildfire days and at individual counties to determine the percentage increase in COVID-19 cases and deaths in 2020 compared with what would have been expected with lower levels of PM2.5. They found that Butte, Calif. and Whitman, Wash. had the highest percentage increases in cases (17.3% and 18.2%, respectively); and that Butte, Calif. and Calaveras, Calif. had the highest percentage increases in deaths (41% and 137.4%, respectively.) In Calaveras, roughly nine COVID-19 deaths would have been expected under lower PM2.5 levels, but the actual number was 22—which explains the high percentage increase.

Across the three states studied, the cumulative number of COVID-19 cases and deaths attributable to daily increases in PM2.5 from wildfires was, respectively, 19,700 and 750, the study found.

"Climate change will likely bring warmer and drier conditions to the West, providing more fuel for fires to consume and further enhancing fire activity. This study provides policymakers with key information regarding how the effects of one global crisis—climate change—can have cascading effects on concurrent global crises—in this case, the COVID-19 pandemic," said Dominici.

Co-first authors of the study were Xiaodan Zhou of the Environmental Systems Research Institute and <u>Kevin Josey</u> from the <u>Department of Biostatistics</u> at Harvard Chan School. Leila Kamareddine of the Department of Biostatistics at Harvard Chan School also contributed, as did Miah C. Caine and Loretta J. Mickley from Harvard's John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, and Tianjia Liu from Harvard's Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences.

Funding for the study came from the Environmental Protection Agency (grant 83587201-0), the National Institutes of Health (grants R01ES026217, R01MD012769, R01ES028033, 1R01AG060232-01A1, 1R01ES030616, 1R01AG066793-01R01, 1R01ES029950, and 5T32ES007142), the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, and the Vice Provost for Research-Harvard University.

"Excess of COVID-19 Cases and Deaths due to Fine Particulate Matter Exposure During the 2020 Wildfires in the United States," Xiaodan Zhou, Kevin Josey, Leila Kamareddine, Miah C. Caine, Tianjia Liu, Loretta J. Mickley, Matthew Cooper, and Francesca Dominici, Science Advances, online August 13, 2021, doi: 10.1126/sciadv.abi8789.

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*This release was updated on August 20, 2021.

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Attachment A: Line Item Budget

Nevada County Community Resiliency Grand	SFIUgiai		
Applicant Name: _Greenhorn Firewise Community			
Project Name: Water Suppression Tanks for Wildfires			
Revenue			
Community Resiliency Grants Program Request			
Amount	\$	57,269	
Organization Funds	\$	5,100	
Other Partner Funds*	\$ \$ \$	-	
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TOTAL REVENUE	\$	62,369	
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