



RESOLUTION No. 21-480

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AWARD OF \$1,991,884 IN “COMMUNITY RESILIENCY GRANTS” FUNDED BY THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2021/22 FUND 1111 BUDGETS (4/5 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE REQUIRED)

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors passed and adopted Resolutions 20-062, ratifying the declaration of a local health emergency in Nevada County, and 20-063, proclaiming a local emergency in Nevada County, due to rapid spread of COVID-19 in a growing number of countries, including the United States, and the potential introduction of COVID-19 in the County of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Governor of California issued a statewide Executive Order, N-33-20, which required Californians to remain at their home or place of residence, except as necessary to carry out essential activities and to heed State Public Health Officer Directives; and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus package passed by Congress and signed by President Joseph Biden on March 11, 2021 in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and associated economic challenges. ARPA included \$350 billion in State and Local Aid, which included \$65.1 billion in direct funding to counties. Based on US Treasury allocations, Nevada County has been allocated \$19,376,239 in funding; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2021, staff brought a preliminary ARPA Expenditure Plan to the Board for direction. The plan included a recommendation to allocate 30% of ARPA funds (\$5.8M) to “Community & Economic Resiliency” projects. This included four grants programs and one loan program, including the “Community Resiliency Grants” program, which was allotted up to \$2 Million to support eligible entities with 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; and

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2021, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors passed and adopted Resolution 21-284 authorizing various expenditures from the ARPA allocation including up to \$2 Million for the “Community Resiliency Grants” program; and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2021, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors passed and adopted Resolution 21-339 approving the Request for Applications and award selection procedures for the Community Resiliency Grant Program and authorizing the Purchasing Division to advertise for qualified applications; and

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2021, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors passed and adopted Resolution 21-450, establishing a budget for the remainder of the first tranche of the ARPA allocation, including up to \$2,000,000 for Community Resiliency Grants to address the negative economic impacts of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, 73 eligible applications were received totaling \$4,967,963 in requests; and

WHEREAS, a nine member evaluation panel (Panel), consisting of six community leaders and three county staff, met five times to review and score applications to provide the County Executive Officer (CEO) with a recommended list of eligible awardees; and

WHEREAS, the Panel presented recommendations to the CEO and the CEO identified thirty-two applications for recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for final approval and award; and

WHEREAS, if the Board approves this Resolution, staff will work with awardees to develop agreements, and those agreements will be brought back to the Board for authorization to execute; and

WHEREAS, a budget amendment is required to move the appropriation intended for Community Resiliency Grants into the Economic Development budget unit, from which grant payments will be issued.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, that:

1. The CEO's recommendations to award \$1,991,884 in "Community Resiliency Grants" are hereby approved as follows:

RESPONDING FIRMS	Recommended Award Amount
South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL)	\$53,202
Bear River Recreation and Park District	\$100,000
Interfaith Food Ministries	\$25,000
Truckee River Watershed Council	\$20,000
Bear Yuba Land Trust	\$20,000
Tahoe Truckee School of Music	\$75,000
League of Women Voters of Western Nevada County	\$12,000
KidZone Museum	\$50,000
Music In the Mountains	\$75,000
San Juan Ridge Community Library	\$25,000
Truckee Downtown Merchants Association	\$85,000
Golden Empire Grange #806	\$15,000
Penn Valley Community Rodeo Association	\$25,000
Sierra Community House	\$100,000
Woolman at Sierra Friends Center	\$31,500
Gold Country Senior Services	\$99,490
Habitat for Humanity	\$100,000
Grass Valley Downtown Association	\$99,174
Gateway Mountain Center	\$85,000
Bright Futures for Youth	\$85,000
Curious Forge	\$92,120

Child Advocates of Nevada County	\$50,000
Nevada Theatre Commission	\$100,000
Neighborhood Center for the Arts	\$100,000
Rough & Ready Grange	\$38,500
Nevada County Arts Council	\$76,000
Nevada City Chamber of Commerce	\$50,000
Local Planning Council for Child Care Development	\$100,000
Community Beyond Violence	\$50,000
Synergia Learning Center	\$19,560
Greenhorn Firewise Community	\$62,370
North San Juan Community Center	\$72,968
TOTAL	\$1,991,884.00

2. The Auditor-Controller is hereby directed to amend the Fund 1111 Budgets as follows:

Decrease:	1111-10206-273-0000 / 538555	\$1,991,884
Increase:	1111-10902-272-0209 / 521525	\$1,991,884

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 9th day of November, 2021, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes: Supervisors Heidi Hall, Edward Scofield, Dan Miller, Susan K. Hoek and Hardy Bullock.
 Noes: None.
 Absent: None.
 Abstain: None.

ATTEST:

JULIE PATTERSON HUNTER
 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: 


 Dan Miller, Chair

11/9/2021 cc: CEO*
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EXHIBIT A: Community Resiliency Grant recommended awardees (detailed list)

Recommendations for funding: The CEO recommends the following awards to 32 eligible entities listed in rank order (scores out of a possible 450):

1. South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL)

- Amount: \$53,202
- Request: To adapt the five-day Wild & Scenic Film Festival to be COVID-19 safe for indoor events in January 2022. SYRCL will adapt venues for social distancing by reducing capacity by 50%; add an online streaming service option to reduce crowds at in-person venues; lodge special guests in hotels rather than homestays; and implement safety measures in compliance with County guidelines.
- ARPA eligibility: ARPA funds may be used to assist nonprofits with lost revenue (SYRCL cancelled numerous fundraising events), for Covid prevention and mitigation, and to respond to negative economic impacts of the pandemic.
- Location: Nevada City
- Panel score (out of 450): 420

2. Bear River Recreation and Park District

- Amount: \$100,000
- Request: To partially fund replacement of Turf Field at the Magnolia Sports Complex. Existing turf field is over 10 years old and will be unusable within 2 years. The cost of replacement is approximately \$500,000, and other funding is leveraged. As BRRPD reopens programs and starts to rebuild and expand them, the replacement of the turf field will allow attraction of other youth and adult sports leagues and supports local community recreation. This request supports resiliency as revenue from turf field rental to other entities is an essential revenue stream.
- ARPA eligibility: ARPA funds may be used to assist special purpose districts with lost revenue. BRRPD reports closure and resulting financial loss. BRRPD experienced significant financial loss due to program cancellation, and additional loss of anticipated revenue for new programs.
- Location: Grass Valley (South County)
- Panel score (out of 450): 417

3. Interfaith Food Ministries

- Amount: \$25,000 (requested \$100,000)
- Request: To purchase food to provide to food insecure individuals and families living in Western Nevada County. Half of the awarded funding will be used to purchase non-perishable food at steeply discounted prices through Placer Food Bank, and the other 50% of the funds will be earmarked for purchases from local and regional farms and food producers (within 120 miles of Grass Valley).

- ARPA eligibility: ARPA funds may be used for assistance to households, including food assistance. IFM saw a nearly 300% increase in the number of new families coming in for services. Many of these families needed food assistance for the first time in their lives.
- Location: Grass Valley
- Panel score (out of 450): 408

4. Truckee River Watershed Council

- Amount: \$20,000
- Request: For project development, and partner and stakeholder coordination, on multiple large scale restoration projects to improve water quality and forest health. TRWC reports that the average cost for partner and stakeholder coordination is \$30,000/project; they have 7 projects in development in the next 12-18 months, for a total of \$210,000. Other funding sources are secured leaving a funding gap of \$20,000. These projects will collectively deploy \$2.5-\$5 Million into the local economy.
- ARPA eligibility: ARPA funds may be used to assist nonprofits with lost revenue (TRWC reports lost fundraising revenue).
- Location: Truckee
- Panel score (out of 450): 417

5. Bear Yuba Land Trust

- Amount: \$20,000
- Request: To improve trail user experience on local trails, made more urgent by COVID-driven increase in outdoor recreation access. BYLT will: 1) Maintain trails, including restoration and trash pick-up; 2) Improve signage and trail kiosks with a focus on public safety, multi-lingual access, and incorporation of cultural and historical information; 3) Improve online Trails Portal with increased mobile functionality and information about local trails, public safety, directions, and parking; and 4) Increase outreach with Trails Ambassadors positioned at popular trail heads at peak times to support positive trail use behaviors, assist users, and collect data.
- ARPA eligibility: ARPA funds may be used to assist nonprofits with lost revenue. BYLT reports significant fundraising revenue loss with event changes due mandated closures in 2020, and cancellation of a major event in 2021.
- Location: Grass Valley
- Panel score (out of 450): 398

6. Tahoe Truckee School of Music

- Amount: \$75,000
- Request: For a Community Outreach project designed to inspire youth with free community performances, inter-active music workshops, and a musical instrument lending library. Performances will reach over 10,000 people. Music workshops will

reach 1,000 students through the schools and another 500 children through local youth organizations.

- ARPA eligibility: ARPA funds may be used to assist nonprofits with lost revenue (TTSM lost revenue from in-person music lessons and closure of booking service); assistance to unemployed workers (TTSM plans to hire local musicians).
- Location: Truckee
- Panel score (out of 450): 395

7. League of Women Voters of Western Nevada County

- Amount: \$12,000
- Request: To professionalize online educational events with venue, production, and streaming services provided by Nevada County Media, to cover event and publicity expenses, to provide scholarships to low-income members, and to provide Spanish and hearing-impaired translation services for participants.
- ARPA eligibility: ARPA funds may be used to assist nonprofits with lost revenue (the League's annual fundraiser was cancelled in 2020 and 2021).
- Location: Grass Valley
- Panel score (out of 450): 392

8. KidZone

- Amount: \$50,000 (requested \$80,000)
- Request: To fund cost recovery and operational expenses from August 2021 onward, prepare for reopening with facility upgrades (HVAC/HEPA air purification systems, plexiglass shields, touchless toilets), and ongoing maintenance/professional cleaning.
- ARPA eligibility: ARPA funds may be used to assist nonprofits with lost revenue (Museum closure has resulted in lost revenue) and make "physical plant changes to enable social distancing," and respond to impacts to children and low-income families.
- Location: Truckee
- Panel score (out of 450): 384

9. Music in the Mountains

- Amount: \$75,000
- Request: To fund the "Building Resilient Youth through Music Education" program, which includes two in-school and two after-school music education programs over two school years for K-12 students.
- ARPA eligibility: ARPA funds may be used to assist nonprofits with lost revenue (MIM reports lost revenue due to cancelled concerts and other in-school and after school music education programs) and respond to impacts to children and low-income families.
- Location: Grass Valley
- Panel score (out of 450): 382

10. San Juan Ridge Community Library

- Amount: \$25,000
- Request: To fund library operations, internet connectivity, present online classes, and collaborate with partners to create free and safe family activities such as movie nights, sports, etc. designed to address rural isolation and build community.
- ARPA eligibility: ARPA funds may be used to assist nonprofits with lost revenue (SJRCCL lost revenue from cancelled fundraising events and activities).
- Location: San Juan Ridge
- Panel score (out of 450): 382

11. Truckee Downtown Merchants Association

- Amount: \$85,000
- Request: To fund Covid safe Truckee Thursdays in 2022, an 11-week Summer Street Fair with over 120 different vendors participating each week, including artists, community organizations, food trucks and restaurants, commercial businesses, and sponsors. The event attracts over 55,000 visitors to Historic Downtown Truckee each summer and provides revenue for small businesses.
- ARPA eligibility: ARPA funds may be used to assist nonprofits with lost revenue (TDMA reports losing event revenue due to mandated closures in 2020, and in 2021), and responds to negative economic impacts of the pandemic.
- Location: Truckee
- Panel score (out of 450): 375

12. Golden Empire Grange #806

- Amount: \$15,000
- Request: To replace HVAC system to enable rental of the hall. This will support the numerous community groups (estimate 890 users) who use the hall to convene, and support recovery and resiliency for the Grange to bring in revenue to sustain operations.
- ARPA eligibility: ARPA funds may be used to assist nonprofits with lost revenue. Golden Empire Grange reports severe economic impact/revenue loss due to cessation of rental revenue during shut-down March 2020 through June 2021.
- Location: Grass Valley
- Panel score (out of 450): 369

13. Penn Valley Community Rodeo Association

- Amount: \$25,000
- Request: To fund maintenance and needed improvements to the rodeo facility and grounds including arena grooming, bleacher repairs, sky bridge repairs, tractor repair; cover costs for rent, insurance, taxes, and utilities; and provide youth scholarships.

- ARPA eligibility: ARPA funds may be used to assist nonprofits with lost revenue (PCVRA's annual rodeo was cancelled in 2019 (rain out), and in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic.)
- Location: Penn Valley
- Panel score (out of 450): 365

14. Sierra Community House

- Amount: \$100,000
- Request: To fund direct assistance and outreach to families including hunger relief (partial costs for refrigerated truck/registration/permits/insurance, food distribution expenses), legal advocacy against unlawful evictions, and program administration.
- ARPA eligibility: ARPA funds may be used to assist nonprofits with lost revenue and assistance to households.
- Location: Truckee (multiple locations)
- Panel score (out of 450): 365

15. Woolman at Sierra Friends Center

- Amount: \$31,500
- Request: To fund dining hall modifications to ensure this central multi-use space is Covid safe with new HVAC/HEPA air ventilation/purification equipment, tent meeting space, handwashing station, and food bar.
- ARPA eligibility: ARPA funds may be used to assist nonprofits with lost revenue (Woolman lost rental and program income) and make "physical plant changes to enable social distancing."
- Location: Nevada City
- Panel score (out of 450): 365

16. Gold Country Senior Services

- Amount: \$99,490
- Request: To remodel the kitchen in the new Gold Country Senior Center to support rising service demands and ability to provide packaged food for delivery. Gold Country Senior Center reports higher-than-ever levels of food insecurity.
- ARPA eligibility: ARPA funds may be used to assist nonprofits with lost revenue. Gold Country Senior Center reports revenue loss due to inability to host some activities/classes. ARPA funds may be used to provide assistance to households, including food assistance, and make "physical plant changes to enable social distancing."
- Location: Grass Valley
- Panel score (out of 450): 362

17. Habitat for Humanity

- Amount: \$100,000

- Request: Site development and infrastructure for 12 homes in the Heritage Oaks Development, Phase 2, on Joyce Drive in Grass Valley. New home construction to begin in Spring 2022. Heritage Oaks falls within the Qualified Census Tract (non-metro DDA) for Grass Valley.
- ARPA eligibility: ARPA funds may be used to assist nonprofits with lost revenue; Habitat for Humanity reports loss of a primary revenue source due to closures of their ReStore as well as significant loss of volunteers and costly delays. ARPA allows for funding to address disparities in public health outcomes, including “Housing services to support healthy living environments and neighborhoods conducive to health and wellness” and “building stronger communities through investments in housing and neighborhoods, specifically supply of affordable and high-quality building units”.
- Location: Grass Valley
- Panel score (out of 450): 362

18. Grass Valley Downtown Association

- Amount: \$99,174
- Request: To support several strategies benefitting merchant constituents, including Merchant Subscription box promoting local retail, public art to enhance outdoor spaces, restructured family events and placemaking activities, and promotion and marketing, including video marketing.
- ARPA eligibility: ARPA funds may be used to assist nonprofits with lost revenue. GVDA reports loss of about two thirds of its annual income due to COVID, and the proposal responds to negative economic impacts of the pandemic.
- Location: Grass Valley
- Panel score (out of 450): 361

19. Gateway Mountain Center

- Amount: \$85,000
- Request: To 1) sustain the caseload of youth receiving effective treatment, and 2) officially open the newly constructed 4Roots Wellness Center—resource for positive youth enrichment, mental health and substance use prevention and treatment.
- ARPA eligibility: ARPA funds may be used to assist nonprofits with lost revenue. Gateway Mountain Center reports significant revenue loss due to cancellation of fee-based school visiting programs; and increased demand for services (nearly double since March 2020). ARPA allows for support of vulnerable populations to access public health services.
- Location: Truckee
- Panel score (out of 450): 360

20. Bright Futures for Youth

- Amount: \$85,000

- Request: To provide Intensive Case Management focused on transition aged youth (TAY). Provides TAY with counseling and other support to help mitigate the impact and trauma of homelessness and the pandemic, including learning loss, substance abuse and health issues. The Case Manager will help youth apply for government benefits and employment opportunities and college and career technical education,
- ARPA eligibility: ARPA funds may be used to assist nonprofits with lost revenue. BFFY reports significant revenue loss due to inability to host fundraisers, a primary source of revenue. BFFY will direct this funding to mitigate the disproportionate negative impacts of the pandemic on a vulnerable population – low/no income, homeless youth. This proposal directly responds to the negative economic impact of COVID by providing TAY youth with connections to safe housing and other stabilizing resources. ARPA allows for support of vulnerable populations to access public health services.
- Location: Grass Valley
- Panel score (out of 450): 358

21. Curious Forge

- Amount: \$92,120
- Request: To expand programming and public access for workforce development programs, including certificate programs tailored to county employers/industries such as metal fabrication, textiles, cabinetry, CNC processes; internships/apprenticeships for youth career exploration through working with accomplished professionals in several field; Inter-generational knowledge exchange experiences; Home/charter schooler resources/programs, including computer programming, various arts, and exposure to the industrials/tech equipment with a weekly cohort; and business ignitor uniting business leaders, workshops, mentoring opportunities as well as availability of co-working space. Funds support safety equipment for children; facilitators for public programming; transportation; equipment; community room upgrades.
- ARPA eligibility: ARPA funds may be used to assist small businesses with lost revenue. Curious Forge reports revenue loss due to closures, which resulted in inability to hold revenue-generating workshops, loss of membership and related income, and inability to grow membership.
- Location: Nevada City
- Panel score (out of 450): 357

22. Child Advocates of Nevada County

- Amount: \$50,000
- Request: To replace lost revenue to sustain two programs: Child Safety Puppeteers and CASA. Both programs promote resiliency and provide support for families. CASA volunteers provide advocacy for children in foster care and assist them to navigate the emotional and logistical challenges of moving through the court process.

The Puppeteers program provides child abuse prevention education for young children. Funds support staff.

- ARPA eligibility: ARPA funds may be used to assist nonprofits with lost revenue. Child Advocates was unable to hold their primary fundraisers, with significant loss over two years.
- Location: Nevada City
- Panel score (out of 450): 355

23. Nevada Theatre Commission

- Amount: \$100,000
- Request: To make essential repairs and upgrades to the theatre's HVAC, smoke alarm, electrical, projector, and lighting equipment to continue to provide an affordable, healthy, and safe performing arts space.
- ARPA eligibility: ARPA funds may be used to assist nonprofits with lost revenue; the theatre lost rental income for 15 months.
- Location: Nevada City
- Panel score (out of 450): 352

24. Neighborhood Center for the Arts

- Amount: \$100,000
- Request: To fund program and operating support in a safe space for the Center's working artists - while rebuilding a structured routine after an isolated 20 months. The financial support will allow the Center to build back daily attendance which will assist with generating revenue.
- ARPA eligibility: ARPA funds may be used to assist nonprofits with lost revenue. Neighborhood Center lost revenue due to gallery closure, lost art sales, cancelled fundraising events, and income from artist participation.
- Location: Grass Valley
- Panel score (out of 450): 350

25. Rough & Ready Grange #795

- Amount: \$38,500 (requested \$95,688)
- Request: To fund the purchase and installation of a new stove and range to support operation of a commercial kitchen.
- ARPA eligibility: ARPA funds may be used to assist nonprofits with lost revenue (RRG's monthly breakfasts, community gatherings, and educational events were cancelled for 15 months).
- Location: Rough & Ready
- Panel score (out of 450): 350

26. Nevada County Arts Council

- Amount: \$76,000

- Request: To build capacity in east and west county with two part-time staff persons who will support the arts in their respective Cultural Districts; publish a print and online “arts and gallery guide;” and host “Business of Art” symposiums.
- ARPA eligibility: ARPA funds may be used to assist nonprofits with lost revenue; NCAC lost program funding and cancelled fundraising events.
- Location: Nevada City
- Panel score (out of 450): 349

27. Nevada City Chamber of Commerce

- Amount: \$50,000
- Request: To build capacity by hiring staff to allow the new executive director to focus on generating new revenue stream such as forming a Tourism-based Improvement District (TBID) and develop a business support program to retain businesses and fill vacant storefronts.
- ARPA eligibility: ARPA funds may be used to assist nonprofits with lost revenue; the Chamber reported lost revenue from cancelled events, reduced membership dues, and reduced share of Transient Occupancy Tax due to decreased visitation.
- Location: Nevada City
- Panel score (out of 450): 345

28. Local Planning Council for Child Care Development

- Amount: \$100,000
- Request: To fund ongoing services of LPC’s “Quality Counts California” (QCC) program to improve the childcare system, provide financial relief to support childcare businesses, provide compensated workforce trainings, and expand the reach of LPC funds beyond current childcare participants to ensure more equitable access to childcare providers. Funds will also be allocated for child development trainings, training materials and developmentally appropriate toys/supplies.
- ARPA eligibility: ARPA funds may be used to assist nonprofits with lost revenue; LPC lost grants and stipend revenues. ARPA funds will respond to the negative economic impact to our county’s childcare system and provide premium pay to childcare workers performing essential work.
- Location: Grass Valley
- Panel score (out of 450): 342

29. Community Beyond Violence

- Amount: \$50,000 (requested \$100,000)
- Request: To provide motel nights to those in immediate need of safe shelter as well as to provide rent relief to clients enrolled in CBV’s Emergency Housing program. Funds support rent relief, motel nights, and staffing.

- ARPA eligibility: ARPA funds may be used for assistance to households, including rent assistance and counseling to avoid eviction or homelessness; emergency assistance for other needs.
- Location: Grass Valley
- Panel score (out of 450): 337

30. Synergia Learning Center

- Amount: \$19,560
- Request: To fund operating support needed to resume Covid-safe educational and recreational youth programs and maintain the extensive ropes courses and other related facilities.
- ARPA eligibility: ARPA funds may be used to assist nonprofits with lost revenue (Synergia cancelled fee for service programs due to the pandemic).
- Location: San Juan Ridge
- Panel score (out of 450): 337

31. Greenhorn Firewise Community

- Amount: \$62,370
- Request: To purchase two 20,000-gallon water tanks for fire suppression along a wooded corridor of private roads to support protection of nearly 600 households, to also benefit Grass Valley community and the County overall.
- ARPA eligibility: ARPA funds may be used to assist nonprofits with lost revenue. Greenhorn reports challenges in securing funds due to COVID-related financial hardships.
- Location: Grass Valley
- Panel score (out of 450): 335

32. North San Juan Community Center

- Amount: \$72,968
- Request: To fund well replacement, related irrigation lines to address fire safety and food cultivation, and program costs related to food storage/food security. The North San Juan Community Center well has run dry, challenging the ability to provide services and drinking water. North San Juan Community Center provides multiple safety-net services to priority populations, including youth, seniors, people experiencing homelessness, as well as the community at large.
- ARPA eligibility: ARPA funds may be used to assist nonprofits with lost revenue. NSJCC reports fundraising revenue loss as they had to cancel fundraising events and were unable to rent their hall, another revenue source.
- Location: North San Juan
- Panel score (out of 450): 282