

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Nevada County

COMMUNITY RESILIENCY GRANTS PROGRAM GRANTEE REPORT GRANT RECIPIENT: BRIGHT FUTURES FOR YOUTH

Operational Priority: 1: Essential
 2: High-Impact
 3: Nice to Have

Timing Priority: 1: Urgent
 2: 6 months – 1 year
 3: 1 – 2 years
 4: Long-term

Total Project Budget: \$85,000 ARPA Funding Request: \$85,000

Yes No Is there FEMA, State or other Direct or Grant Funding available? If Yes, please Specify below

Other Funding Source: _____ Other Source Amount: _____
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OTHER FUNDING INFORMATION

N/A

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The “Community Benefit Grants Program” will support community-serving institutions and organizations with macro-grants up to \$100,000. Entities that serve families, seniors, or the community at large would be eligible to apply.

Bright Futures for Youth Community Resiliency Grant General Purpose, Focus, and Outcomes Report

- Mitigate financial hardship, such as declines in revenues due impacts of periods of business closures, and/or suspended business activities such as revenue generating fund raisers due to social distancing requirements or other public health orders;
- Support for normal operating costs, including payroll and benefit costs, costs to retain employees, mortgage, rent, or utilities costs, and other operating costs;
- Support for programmatic services that assist in addressing the economic hardship experienced by the Grant Recipient and/or the negative economic impacts experienced by its customers; and
- Implementation of COVID-19 prevention or mitigation tactics, such as physical plant changes to enable social distancing, enhanced cleaning efforts, barriers, or partitions, etc.

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.

NEXUS TO ARPA GUIDELINES

ARPA Reporting Category (from US Treasury Reporting Guidance, Appendix 1 – see pages 3-5 below):

- 1 – Public Health
- 2 – Negative Economic Impacts
- 3 – Public Health – Negative Impact: Public Sector Capacity
- 5 – Infrastructure
- 6 – Provision of Government Services (Revenue Replacement)
- 7 – Administrative

Sub-Category (from US Treasury Reporting Guidance, Appendix 1 – see pages 3-5 below):

Please provide one Sub-Category designation: 34

This grant is intended to support organizations and institutions that provide services/ programs for the community. Locally, these entities tend to be nonprofits though some are also for-profit businesses. ARPA funds may be used to assist small businesses and nonprofits as they respond to the negative impacts of the pandemic and/or rebound from the downturn.

NEXUS TO BOARD OBJECTIVES & COUNTY PRIORITIES / COMMUNITY IMPACT

Board Objectives (select any that apply)

- Fiscal Stability/Core Svcs.
- Emergency Prep.
- Economic Dev
- Broadband
- Cannabis
- Housing
- Homelessness
- Recreation

County Priorities (select any that apply)

- Costs related to COVID-19 response
- Encourage economic recovery
- Provide long-term benefits to County

This project intersects with the Board's Economic Development Objective. Our small businesses and nonprofits have been hard hit by the pandemic and need resources to resume operations to pre-pandemic levels.

OPERATIONAL IMPACT

Will the funds be used to pay for a direct county cost or cost incurred by others? County Cost Other Cost

PROJECT TIMELINE / READINESS

Grant award agreement executed:	02/01/2022
First quarter report received:	04/08/2022
Second quarter report received:	07/06/2022
Third quarter report received:	10/10/2022
Project Completed:	

BUDGET DETAIL

In what SBU/Office 2/Account(s) will ARPA-funded project activity be incurred?

SBU	Ofc2	Account	Amount	Description
10902	272	532205	\$85,000	Community Benefits Grant Program
Total			\$85,000	<i>Note: Total should match ARPA Funding Request amount</i>

EXPENDITURE TRACKING/REPORTING

Total expenditures as of 9/30/2022: \$76,500.00

Narrative Report:

First Quarter Report	April 2022	We are currently seeking applicants to fill the Youth Case Manager/ Housing Coordinator position funded by this grant. We anticipate interviewing and hiring as soon as an appropriate match is available.
Second Quarter Report	July 2022	Due to unforeseen circumstances, we had to shift our drop-in center program location from the previously anticipated McCourtney Road school site. We were able to quickly pivot and secure an expansion onto the second floor of the Litton Building, which is in process of being built out. We are holding off on interviewing applicants to fill the Youth Case Manager/ Housing Coordinator position funded by this grant until the space is completed. We anticipate interviewing and hiring as soon as an appropriate match is available, and the workspace is ready.
Third Quarter Report	October 2022	<p>The SAFE program has helped more than 100 youth ages 12-26 at risk of or experiencing homelessness since the program launched in early 2019 and is currently serving 90 youth. We have five SAFE program staff, including the program director, program manager, lead case manager/ intake coordinator, housing case manager, and a youth support partner. The ARPA grant provides us with another full-time housing case manager, which is deeply needed at this point as we begin our drop-in center program. The drop-in navigation center provides youth access to basic needs and case management services four days per week, Monday and Wednesday 11a.m.-3pm, Tuesday and Thursday 2-6pm. Other times are available by appointment.</p> <p>The program helps youth to find safe and consistent housing, such as an apartment, a room to rent or a cottage behind a house, a host family, or a temporary housing situation. Case managers support youth in the creation of a case plan, which includes career and education navigation, applying for affordable housing waiting lists, ensuring adequate access to food, health care, mental health services, and alleviating any other barriers. The overall goal is to secure sustainable long-term housing. In some cases, the first step is stabilizing their current situations, occasionally turning a temporary situation into a longer-term solution, which is especially important in a community that is lacking in affordable housing development in general. Our services go beyond housing assistance.</p>

		<p>We provide comprehensive case management to address all life domains. We encourage family stabilization and reunification where possible and help youth to identify natural supports. We assist youth in accessing certified copies of birth certificates, Social Security cards, and driver's licenses and/ or identification cards so they can secure employment and housing. Case managers help youth build life skills by teaching resume creation, budgeting, navigating credit checks and credit repair, and how to fill out Cal/Fresh and Medi-Cal applications. We provide job counseling, transportation help, car repairs, hygiene supplies, and gas and food gift cards. For youth interested in continuing education, we support with college and career technical education applications and FAFSA. Our services enhance a young person's stability and self-sufficiency, creating pathways out of poverty and an end to homelessness.</p> <p>The SAFE program increases access to mental and physical health care referrals and collaborates with other organizations to meet their needs. Our partners include Community Beyond Violence, Western Sierra Medical Clinic, Granite Wellness, Nevada County Health and Human Services, Child Welfare, Children's Behavioral Health, Victor Services, Stanford Sierra Youth and Families, Sierra Family Therapy, Kindred Heart Therapy, Nevada County Child Welfare, Superintendent of Schools, the Nevada County Regional Continuum of Care and others, prioritizing due diligence and using best practices. Overall, we have exceeded our initial goals and are actively working to expand the program to include even more supportive services.</p> <p>Due to unforeseen circumstances, we experienced a delay in opening our drop-in center. We pivoted quickly and secured an expansion in the Litton Building, which has recently been completed. In the interim, our program expanded well beyond our predictions, experiencing a 50% increase in service requests in the last quarter alone for a total of 90 current participants. We have recently hired the full-time Youth Case Manager/ Housing Coordinator position funded by this grant. With the rapid expansion we have seen during the last year alone, we learned that it was essential to hire a case manager with extensive experience in working with runaway and homeless youth, one who had previously worked at other RHY programs in the state. Having staff with experience in runaway and homeless youth organizations and full scope RHY services is essential as we create a youth continuum of care for Nevada County. We sought an applicant who was able to hit the ground running, knowing what it takes to access both the myriad of services youth need, as well as finding housing in a difficult market. We are excited to announce we have filled the position and our new hire starts in October. We will continue to grow to meet the needs of youth in our community, helping youth move towards self-sufficiency by sparking their potentials and instilling them with the hope, opportunity, and the capacity to succeed.</p>
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PROJECT POINT OF CONTACT

Name and title: Ariel Lovett, projects Administrator, CEO's Office

FOR CEO OFFICE ONLY:

Expense Item No:	ECON01.20
Final ARPA Category:	2.34
Approved:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

