

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Nevada County

COMMUNITY RESILIENCY GRANTS PROGRAM GRANTEE REPORT GRANT RECIPIENT: CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES

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: \$100,000

ARPA Funding Request: \$100,000

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.

Crisis Intervention Services 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 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.

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:	02/14/2022
First quarter report received:	04/11/2022
Second quarter report received:	07/08/2022
Third quarter report received:	10/21/2022
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	\$100,000	Community Benefits Grant Program
Total			\$100,000	<i>Note: Total should match ARPA Funding Request amount</i>

EXPENDITURE TRACKING/REPORTING

Total expenditures as of 9/30/2022: \$41,400.00

Narrative Report:

First Quarter Report	April 2022	N/A
Second Quarter Report	July 2022	<p>Salary Support for Family Support and Community Engagement SCH continues to make progress in providing family support and community engagement services. Families face significant stressors in the region, including isolation, tourism-dependent employment, high cost of living and limited resources. Free programs for families and parents are particularly scarce. The Program provides support groups and classes aimed at decreasing family isolation, fostering development of peer networks and building skills and confidence in parents. Staff trained in curricula including but not limited to Parent Project®, Loving Solutions®, and The Incredible Years facilitates group workshops in response to community need. For many families, these classes provide a first point of contact to the broader continuum of care as class facilitators provide referrals and information to assist families with accessing healthcare enrollment, mental health services, childcare resources, and other systems navigation services. Parent’s Café, Family Room and Mom’s Café, promote the development of peer networks and support, while fostering the knowledge of child development. SCH served 79 children and adults in the previous quarter with these services.</p> <p>Salary Support for Hunger Relief When the staff at Sierra Community House realized we exceeded 1 million meals provided to our community since March 2020 – we were overcome with pride, but also humbled by the magnitude of food insecurity within our community. Some of those meals were for Ana, a former healthcare worker who needed some extra support after retirement. Ana shared: “All the fresh food you have given me has helped so much. I was a nurse who worked my whole life, but in retirement it’s been difficult to keep up with costs. Thank you for what you do!” Our Hunger Relief Program collects, stores, and redistributes food throughout the North Lake Tahoe/Truckee region. Our services include two weekly drive-through food distributions; one walk-up distribution; a weekly food delivery program, and annual holiday events. Prior to COVID-19, we provided food to approximately 180 households per week. On average, 520 families now access services weekly. This increase in service demand remains steady. SCH continues to meet this unprecedented need through support from many generous funders. The NV County Resiliency Fund has supported SCH staff to meet this need.</p> <p>Salary Support for Legal and Mediation</p>

		<p>During the past year, the Mediation and Legal Assistance (MLA) Program provided education, legal assistance and mediation services to help community members with Family, Housing and Employment law, as well as other civil issues. As a DOJ Office of Legal Access Programs (OLAP) recognized organization with an immigration Accredited Representative on staff, we provided full-scope legal representation for immigration applications, as well as Know Your Rights and Be Prepared education. We provided legal and immigration services specifically to victims of domestic violence and other crimes under the Violence Against Women Act. This year, services were provided through socially distanced one-on-one meetings at four office locations throughout the region when in-person support was needed, or via Zoom and phone when possible. Immigration updates were provided via social media, FAQs distributed at our offices and by our partners, including through the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District's online bulletin (Peachjar). Between 7/1/21 and 5/31/22, we served 373 clients, 65% of whom were Latinx, 29% Anglo and 6% other or unknown ethnicities; 48% reside in Nevada County. Of the 402 services provided (some clients received multiple services), 38% were immigration law, 37% family law; 15% landlord tenant law; 3% employment wage law; and 7% other civil legal issues, such as guardianship, restraining order, and name change. Salary support from this award allowed our staff to meet this need.</p>
Third Quarter Report	October 2022	<p>Our project directly and proportionally responds to the following:</p> <p>Assistance to Households (86 Fed. Reg 26794) through food assistance, rental assistance, utility assistance, counseling, and legal aid to prevent evictions and homelessness.</p> <p>Small Businesses and Non-Profits (86 Fed. Reg 26794) with challenges in covering payroll of increased general fund staff needed to deliver COVID-19 precipitated services and administer COVID-19 emergency funding.</p> <p>Building Stronger Communities (86 Fed. Reg 26795) in providing rental support in our region, which lacks economic opportunities and faces inadequate housing.</p> <p>Promoting Healthy Childhood Environments (86 Fed. Reg 26795) by offering legal support in family law cases, including the development of parenting plans that include specific provisions for the safety and healthcare of children; and by promoting positive parenting strategies, coping skills, and recovery from mental health challenges through workshops, classes, and support groups.</p>

PROJECT POINT OF CONTACT

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FOR CEO OFFICE ONLY:

Expense Item No:	ECON01.14
Final ARPA Category:	2.34
Approved:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No