

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Nevada County

COMMUNITY RESILIENCY GRANTS PROGRAM GRANTEE REPORT GRANT RECIPIENT: TRUCKEE RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL

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: \$20,000 ARPA Funding Request: \$20,000

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.

Truckee River Watershed Council 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.

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

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:	01/26/2022
First quarter report received:	04/10/2022
Second quarter report received:	07/10/2022
Third quarter report received:	10/10/2022
Project Completed:	10/10/2022

BUDGET DETAIL

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

SBU	Ofc2	Account	Amount	Description
10902	272	532205	\$20,000	Community Benefits Grant Program

Total	\$20,000	<i>Note: Total should match ARPA Funding Request amount</i>
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EXPENDITURE TRACKING/REPORTING

Total expenditures as of 9/30/2022: \$20,000

Narrative Report:

First Quarter Report	April 2022	<p>Progress is being made towards our grant objectives that increase resiliency, support recovery, and provide relief. This grant allows us to move projects through the development phase. And specifically, for Partner and Stakeholder Coordination. Each project has a group of partner agencies. We are currently holding partner meetings at project milestones: field data review, prelim design review, and design finalization. Here are some project examples:</p> <p>Prosser Basin Watershed Assessment Coordination is ongoing with multiple landowners: Tahoe Donner Association, Truckee Donner Land Trust, and the U.S. Forest Service to conduct an analysis of existing conditions in the watershed, opportunities for restoration, management, and protection opportunities.</p> <p>Truckee River Wildlife Area- Boca Site In coordination with our partner the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife, stakeholder coordination is ongoing and 90% of the design is complete.</p> <p>Forest Health We are beginning preliminary stages of partnership coordination with multiple landowners across 50,000 acres for mitigating the effects of wildfires in our region. Partners include the Forest Service, Nature Conservancy, Truckee Tahoe Airport, TDLT, Tahoe Donner, Sierra Pacific Industries, and Placer County.</p> <p>Truckee River Watershed Council can be of service to our community residents and businesses of Nevada County by benefiting from the restoration and revitalization of our watershed. Some benefits of these projects as they are implemented include wider distribution of recreation, wildlife connectivity, ecosystem resilience, and increased regional capacity to adapt to drought flood, and fire. All this, while also contributing to the local economy through employing staff, technical consultants, and contractors.</p>
Second Quarter Report	July 2022	<p>Progress is being made towards our grant objectives that increase resiliency, support recovery, and provide relief. This grant allows us to move projects through the development phase. And specifically, for Partner and Stakeholder Coordination. Each project has a group of partner agencies. We are currently holding partner meetings at project milestones: field data review, prelim design review, and design finalization. Here are some project examples:</p>

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Third Quarter Report	October 2022	Thank you to Nevada County. This grant has helped us increase resiliency, support recovery, and provide relief in order to continue carrying out our mission in the community. It has allowed us to move restoration projects through the development phase. And specifically for Partner and Stakeholder Coordination. Each project has a group of partner agencies. We are continuously holding partner meetings

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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:	ECON01.04
Final ARPA Category:	2.34
Approved:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No