

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Nevada County Funding Request

OUTDOOR VISITOR SAFETY FUND: BICYCLISTS OF NEVADA COUNTY HARMONY RIDGE TRAIL

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: \$13,724

ARPA Funding Request: \$13,724

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 Outdoor Visitor Safety Fund grant program was established and approved by the Board of Supervisors in April 2021 to provide up to \$450,000 in one-time grants from ARPA funds to respond to the negative economic impacts of COVID-19 through promoting public health and safety at highly impacted outdoor recreation destinations. The program offered project funding up to \$200,000 for eligible entities including non-profits, businesses, and special districts. Projects were selected through a competitive process and additional consideration was given to those that support economic development, enhance equitable access, address climate change adaptation, and promote environmental sustainability and resilience. Nine projects were reviewed and approved for a total of \$415,570 in funding, and agreements approved by the Board on June 28, 2022, **including this project outlined below:**

Bicyclists of Nevada County (BONC) - \$13,724 for improving and quantifying trail use for the Harmony Ridge Trail System in Nevada City

General Purpose, Focus, and Outcomes Report

- Mitigate financial hardship, such as declines in revenues due to 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.

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: 22

The grants, funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), respond to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic with projects to increase resiliency and promote health and safety at highly impacted outdoor recreation destinations. BONC is a non-profit organization based in Nevada County, CA.

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 Recreation Objective by promoting health and safety at river crossings, lakes, trailheads and other high-use or high-risk destinations. This project promotes health and safety and access through improved infrastructure at impacted recreation destinations.

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:	6/28/22
First quarterly report received:	Received, 9/10/22
Second quarterly report received:	Received, 1/17/23
Third quarterly report received:	Received, 4/17/23
Fourth quarterly report received:	Received, 7/10/23
Fifth quarterly report received:	Received, 10/1/2023
Sixth quarterly report received:	Received 1/03/2024
Project Completed:	In progress

BUDGET DETAIL

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

SBU	Ofc2	Account	Amount	Description
70102	325	521520	\$17,724	Outdoor Visitor Safety Fund

Total	\$17,724	<i>Note: Total should match ARPA Funding Request amount</i>
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EXPENDITURE TRACKING/REPORTING

Total expenditures (as of 4/25/2024): \$13,632.82

Nevada County has provided 1st of 2 payments totaling: \$12,352

Narrative report:

First quarterly report	July – August 2022	We installed 5 trail counters to monitor the amount of daily use on the trails and have been preparing for building the next trail as soon as we get enough precipitation to begin.
Second quarterly report	September – December 2022	We've been collecting data from the installed trail counters and have constructed about 70% of the next trail; Discounted tools were purchased, including a winch to increase the safety for the excavator operator on steep slopes.
Third quarterly report	January – March 2023	We completed the machine work on the next trail but were not able to complete due to snow loads and subsequent drying. Sign Plan is waiting on approval by USFS. We have spent over \$14K in the last quarter on trail building activities, equipment and supplies not supported by the grant.
Fourth quarterly report	April – June 2023	We have focused on our sign plan for the last quarter. We completed a ride of the trail with the USFS to determine what types of safety signs we need and have started putting together an order for safety signs, trail name signs, a kiosk sign with a trail map to be placed in the Wheelhouse lot.
Fifth quarterly report	July-September 2023	We installed the signage at the main parking at the market and wheelhouse, and we ordered a ripper hook for the excavator. The project is now over 50% done with roughly 13.5k feet of new trail in the last 12 months. Only three of the 7 trails are open, but we expect to have 5 or 6 of 7 by Spring.
Sixth quarterly report	October-December 2023	Our Sign Plan is nearly completed, and we will be spending the remaining funds this quarter. We completed a third and fourth trail in the network and hope to open a fifth trail this quarter.
Seventh quarterly report	January-March 2024	Our Sign Plan is nearly completed. We are still waiting for the USFS approved directional signs that will be another \$2,000. We have opened 6 trails in total with the 7 th trail under construction. We placed EMS rescue points and coordinated with the Consolidated Fire so they have a matching map of those signs and got them into open street view so anyone who is injured will be quickly located by EMS.

PROJECT POINT OF CONTACT

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FOR CEO OFFICE ONLY:

Expense Item No:	x
Final ARPA Category:	x
Approved:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No