

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Nevada County Funding Request

OUTDOOR VISITOR SAFETY FUND: SOUTH YUBA RIVER CITIZENS LEAGUE: RIVER AMBASSADORS

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: \$16,700

ARPA Funding Request: \$16,700

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 and \$400,000 from General 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 in two rounds of 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. Eight (8) projects were reviewed and approved for a total of \$388,480 in Round 2 funding, and agreements approved by the Board on August 8, 2023, **including this project outlined below:**

Truckee Trails Foundation- \$16,700 River Ambassadors Program.

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 5 – Infrastructure

Capacity

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:	10/23/23
First quarterly report received:	Received, 1/09/24
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	\$16,700	Outdoor Visitor Safety Fund
Total			\$16,700	<i>Note: Total should match ARPA Funding Request amount</i>

EXPENDITURE TRACKING/REPORTING

Total expenditures (as of 4/9/2024): \$1,497.00

Nevada County has provided 1st of 2 payments totaling: \$15,030

Narrative report:

First quarterly report	October-December 2023	This project will begin in January 2024
Second quarterly report	January-March 2024	During the Jan-Mar 2024 quarter, staff spent time planning for the 2024 River Ambassador season, revised volunteer and staff job descriptions for the program, and posted the River Captain position openings on social media, job boards, and our website.

PROJECT POINT OF CONTACT

Name and title: Erika Seward, Sr. Administrative Analyst - CDA

FOR CEO OFFICE ONLY:

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