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Yolo County American Rescue Plan Mini Grants Application Open to Community

(Woodland, CA) - At the January 11 Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board allocated \$250,000 for the development of mini grants in Yolo County to benefit the recovery of our local economy from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Each supervisorial district ("District") has \$50,000 to award. The mini grants allow applications for community members or organizations to fund nimble and transformative projects. Applications open today and close on March 31, 2022.

On September 28, 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved the initial American Rescue Plan (ARP) Expenditure Plan, dividing the monies into categories. In addition to these categories, the Board created a concept for an ARP Mini Grants program. These small grants provide for programs or projects that provide for a community benefit and would typically serve a single community and offer opportunities within each District separate from the County's larger ARP allocation process.

"My colleagues and I are honored to announce the opening of mini grants focused on community level projects in each of our districts to assist in the economic recovery from COVID-19," said Board Chair, Supervisor Angel Barajas. "Starting today, community members and organizations can apply for the mini grants, ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000."

Funding requests should range from \$1,000 and \$10,000 but requests outside of the range will still receive consideration. Eligibility is based on the Federal ARP Eligibility Requirements and awards should honor the Board's Guiding Principles.

Additional technical assistance and training will be made available with the support of the Yolo Community Foundation to assist applicants. The deadline to apply is Thursday, March 31, 2022, at 5 pm. Once closed, County staff will work with each Supervisorial district to select the most competitive grants for funding.

If your organization is interested in applying and learning more about the ARP Mini Grants program, please visit the <u>American Rescue Plan</u> website or contact Eric Will, ARP Project Manager, at <u>eric.will@yolocounty.org</u>.

About the American Rescue Plan. The Congress and President Biden approved the federal stimulus plan providing \$350 billion of stimulus funding to State and Local governments. Yolo County will receive approximately \$42.8 million.