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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: November 10, 2020

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Jill Blake**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of the Work Order Agreement with Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc. DBA Heluna Health to perform local Health Department COVID-19 response activities in the maximum amount of \$187,664 for the contract term of May 1, 2020 through March 31, 2022 and authorize and direct the Auditor-Controller to amend the Public Health Department's Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/21 (4/5 Vote Required).

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: On April 23, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) awarded \$631 million from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020 to support state and local COVID-19 response efforts. The California Department of Public Health has contracted with Public Health Foundation Enterprises, Inc. DBA Heluna Health to administer contracts to local public health departments for their allocation of this funding. Nevada County's allocation is \$187,664 and will be used to rapidly establish and monitor key activities related to COVID-19 in the areas of epidemiology, laboratory, and data collection and analysis. These funds are available for expenditure through March 31, 2022. There are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement. A budget amendment is included in this Resolution.

BACKGROUND: This funding is intended to establish and monitor key activities related to COVID-19. Data collected, monitored, and analyzed will allow state, local, and territorial governments to make data-driven policy decisions about the most appropriate level of community mitigation efforts necessary to reopen their communities while still protecting the public's health. Allowable activities with this funding include the following:

1. Establish or enhance ability to aggressively identify cases, conduct contact tracing and follow up, as well as implement recommended containment measures

2. Improve morbidity and mortality surveillance
3. Enhance laboratory testing and reporting capacity
4. Prevent and control COVID-19 in healthcare settings and protect other vulnerable or high-risk populations
5. Monitor and mitigate COVID-19 introductions from connected jurisdictions (i.e., neighboring cities, states; including air travel)
6. Work with healthcare system to manage and monitor system capacity
7. Improve understanding of jurisdictional communities with respect to COVID-19 risk

Nevada County Public Health intends to use the funding to support its communicable disease control team including case investigation and contact tracing support and health officer oversight; epidemiologist for enhancing disease surveillance; supporting testing efforts; prevention and outbreak control for vulnerable populations such as those residing in skilled nursing facilities; and coordination with neighboring jurisdictions.

It is respectfully requested that this Board approve this funding to prevent and respond to COVID-19.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Jill Blake, MPA, Director of Public Health