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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: February 7, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Erin Mettler**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of the Renewal Grant Agreement No. 22-10667 with the California Department of Public Health for Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP), Pandemic Influenza (Pan Flu), and Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) funding in the total maximum amount of \$2,037,689 for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) administers state and federal funds for local public health emergency preparedness. Under this five-year Agreement, the County is to receive Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP), Pandemic Influenza (Pan Flu), and Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) funding in the total maximum amount of \$2,037,689 for the five-year term. Funding is incorporated in the Department's annual budget and there are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: The Public Health Department in partnership with the Office of Emergency Services, Environmental Health, and other local emergency responders, continues to make strides towards developing a stronger infrastructure to ensure an immediate and adequate response to acts or threats of bioterrorism, infectious disease outbreaks, and other public health threats or emergencies.

The California Department of Public Health provides counties with funding for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Program and the Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) to enable health care facilities within counties to develop and maintain disaster preparedness, and provides State General Funds for Pandemic Influenza (Pan Flu) preparedness. These funds are passed through to local health jurisdictions via a Comprehensive Agreement, which represents an integration of efforts across funding streams. Public Health is funded for work plans for each of these program areas as approved by the state for providing strategies and meeting critical task performance requirements for each of these program components.

We are delayed in seeking Board approval for this Agreement due to delays in the finalization of the documents with the State, however per CDPH, the Agreement is effective retroactively to July 1, 2022 and can cover costs incurred since that date. It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve this Agreement to assure that Nevada County is better prepared to address emergency events and any pandemic influenza outbreaks that may surface. This funding provides lasting benefits for public health and the County's ability to prevent and respond to a variety of disasters or disease outbreaks.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Erin Mettler, MA, Interim Director of Public Health