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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** January 22, 2019

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** **Mike Dent – Housing & Community Services**

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving an application for funding and the execution of a grant agreement and any amendments thereto from the 2018 funding year of the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Accept public comment regarding the proposed activity and application; approve the attached resolution.

**FUNDING:** This is a federal grant application for up to \$3,000,000 requiring no General Fund local cash match with no use of program income anticipated at this time. There is no impact on the General Fund. If the grant is awarded, a budget amendment will be presented to the Board of Supervisors along with a request to accept the award.

**BACKGROUND:** For the 2018 funding cycle, the CDBG program has announced approximately \$29.6 million is available to eligible jurisdictions to apply for the CDBG grant for housing, public services, public improvement, public facilities, planning and related activities.

This year, the State has made available an aggregate maximum of \$3,000,000 to non-entitled jurisdictions (small cities and counties) through a competitive grant. Jurisdictions that received a 2017 award may apply for a waiver of the 50 percent spend down rule. These grant funds must benefit persons in the Low-Moderate (Low-Mod) income group (LMI) or address the elimination of slums and blight. Low-Mod is defined as households whose income does not exceed 80% of the county's median income, adjusted by family size. The County's completed

grant application is to be submitted to the State Department of Housing and Community Development no later than February 5, 2018.

The Health and Human Services Agency/Housing Division held a public meeting on October 11, 2017, at 2:30 PM, in the Empire room, to solicit recommendations for eligible activities under the 2018 CDBG funding cycle. Notice of the meeting was published in The Union and the Sierra Sun. The meeting was attended by members of the community, with all proposals and comments accepted. These proposals were reviewed and evaluated for program eligibility, community need and impact along with alignment of State guidelines and priorities.

A public hearing before the Board of Supervisors is required by the CDBG program to allow citizens an opportunity to make their comments known regarding the proposed activity and application.

The Health and Human Services Agency/Housing Division, on behalf of Nevada County, is seeking approval to apply for a grant in an amount of up to \$3,000,000 under the CDBG program. Staff has identified and is recommending the submission of the CDBG application for the following eligible activity:

General Administration:	\$ 209,302
<b>03C Homeless Facility:</b>	\$2,790,698
Construction of a Community Resource Center with Transitional Housing	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,000,000</b>

This project will encompass a Community Resource Center with Transitional Housing units to serve the homeless in obtaining essential skills and services to sustain entry into the mainstream local community. These centralized services will assist the community in achieving its goal to house those in need. The second floor of the center will provide transitional housing to assist individuals preparing for entry into permanent housing. The Community Resource Center will further provide supportive services in conjunction with future development of an affordable housing project with funding being sought through the No Place Like Home grant and other funding sources.

The Board of Supervisors is requested to solicit public comment on this grant application, and to approve submittal of 2018 CDBG application. Upon the Board's approval, the Health and Human Services/Housing Division will complete the application before the deadline and the Health and Human Services Director shall be authorized to sign the grant application and all documents that support the application. If awarded, the above referenced CDBG standard agreement will be brought back before the Board of Supervisors for a final approval and a formal request to amend the appropriate budgets will be included.

**Item Initiated and Approved by:** Mike Dent, Director – Housing and Community Services