



# COUNTY OF NEVADA HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** April 13, 2021

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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

**SUBJECT:** A resolution approving an application for funding and the execution of a grant agreement and any amendments thereto from the 2020-2021 funding year of the state CDBG Program.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached resolution.

**FUNDING:** This is a federal grant application for up to \$850,000 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, the Director of Health and Human Services or designee will sign the grant agreement and subsequently return to the Board of Supervisors to provide an information update, and a budget amendment will be included in the County wide budget amendment following receipt of the executed grant agreement.

**BACKGROUND:** The California Department of Housing and Community Development (“HCD”) announced the availability of approximately \$30 million in funding for the 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

The 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding is made available pursuant to the Housing Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. These grant funds must benefit persons in the Low-Moderate (Low-Mod) income group. Low-Mod is defined as households whose income does not exceed 80% of the county’s median income, adjusted by family size. Further HCD has limited the projects that can be funded under this NOFA with public facilities/improvements unavailable. Additionally, under the 50% spend down rule Nevada County is only eligible to apply for funding under Housing Programs. The County’s completed grant application is to be submitted to HCD no later than April 30, 2021.

A public meeting was held in accordance with CDBG noticing requirements on April 5, 2021, at 1 PM. The meeting was open to 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. Additionally, HCD request that the Director of the Agency or designee be provided with the authority to accept the award. HCD's perspective is that this will streamline the award process and avoid additional reviews particularly by their legal department.

The Health and Human Services Agency/Housing Division, on behalf of Nevada County, is seek approval to apply for a grant in an amount of up to \$850,000 under the CDBG program. Staff has identified and is recommending the submission of the CDBG application for the following eligible activity:

Housing Rehabilitation Program- Single Unit Residential	\$ 350,000
Homebuyer Program	\$ <u>500,000</u>
Total CDBG Funding Application:	\$ 850,000

This application seeks funding to assist with minor health-and-safety-related home modifications and repairs for older adults living in Nevada County through a partnership with FREED Center for Independent Living. This program will allow people with disabilities to safely remain living in their home. Lastly, HHSA will seek funding to assist low-income homebuyers with down payments. This CDBG program will work in tandem with our current HOME First Time Buyer program by supplying a portion of the down payment as a forgivable loan thus eliminating the need for buyers to obtain private mortgage insurance thus reducing their monthly payment.

The Board of Supervisors is requested to authorize the submittal of an 2020-2021 CDBG application in accordance with HCD's requested procedure as outlined above. Upon the Board's approval, the Health and Human Services Agency Director shall be authorized to sign the grant application and all documents that support the application. If awarded, the Health and Human Services Agency Director shall be authorized to sign the above referenced CDBG standard agreement and all documents related to the award. The Director of Health and Human Services or designee, will forward the award contract to the Auditor Controller and County Counsel for review prior to signing the agreement. The Director of Health and Human Services or designee, will return to the Board of Supervisors to provide an informational update should the application be approved.

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