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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: February 17, 2026

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Matt Kelley, Director of Code and Cannabis Compliance

SUBJECT: Resolution accepting award of the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grant Funds in the amount of \$750,000 for the Local Equity Grant Program.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the resolution accepting the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grant Fund in the amount of \$750,000.

FUNDING: The County of Nevada has been awarded \$750,000 from California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grant Fund.

BACKGROUND:

Per Resolution 25-534, Nevada County applied on December 5, 2025, for the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grant. The County was awarded \$750,000 on January 14, 2026, with funds required to be expended by October 31, 2027.

Once accepted, the Community Development Agency will use these funds to support the local cannabis industry in the following areas:

- Licensed professional consultants
- Environmental site development
- Grant administration
- Application fee waivers, deferrals, or reductions
- Grants to assist in bringing properties into compliance
- Grants to incentivize new businesses
- Grants to promote best management and sustainable practices

This funding will continue to enhance Nevada County's local cannabis equity program, helping qualified individuals successfully operate within the regulated state and local cannabis markets.

Previous California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development Grant Awards

On February 25, 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution No. 25-070, accepting a grant award in the amount of \$500,000 and was the second round of funding awarded to Nevada County. These funds assisted a total of 81 qualified applicants. 76 of those applicants were established, legal cultivators and 5 are seeking to enter the regulated market and obtain the required permits. A total of \$444,000 was allocated to local equity applicants for assistance with local and state fees, licensing, regulatory compliance, workforce training and retention, and capital improvements. The grant funds also provide additional resources such as professional consulting and grant management with Sierra Business Council, education consulting with the Nevada County Alliance, training, compliance assistance, and public outreach.

Additionally, on February 28, 2023, the Board approved Resolution 23-086, accepting grant funding in the amount of \$755,895.55. During this grant term, Nevada County assisted 106 qualified equity applicants with \$650,450.85 in eligible funding, which was also used to support applicants with local and state fees, licensing, regulatory costs, capital improvements, and additional resources such as professional consulting, environmental site development, business training, and compliance assistance.

These efforts continue to strengthen Nevada County's regulated cannabis industry by reducing financial barriers and promoting sustainable business practices.

Attachments:

1. Resolution accepting the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grant Fund in the amount of \$750,000.
2. The California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grant Fund budget.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Matt Kelley, Director of Code and Cannabis Compliance