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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: September 22, 2020

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Ryan Gruver**

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the County Executive Officer to execute a grant agreement between the County of Nevada and the County Medical Services Program (CMSP) Governing Board for the COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant Program in the amount of \$268,946 for the term of July 15, 2020 to January 14, 2022 and authorizing and directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the HHS Administration's Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/21 (4/5 vote required).

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The County Medical Services Program Governing Board seeks to support CMSP counties in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency through the COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant program. Maximum funding allocations were determined by population. A budget amendment is included and requires a 4/5 vote by the Board members. There are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: The COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant (CERG) is intended to assist CMSP counties in addressing the needs of various low-income populations with or at-risk of COVID-19 conditions. Target populations include uninsured and/or underinsured low income adult residents seeking health care services and supports in response to COVID-19, specific low-income population groups identified as most at risk of COVID-19, publicly supported low-income adult populations, such as those on CMSP, Path to Health, Medi-Cal and/or Medicare, and low-income adult residents with existing health or behavioral health conditions that have housing and/or transportation challenges that impede their ability to obtain health care or shelter to address COVID-19 conditions. These populations are served by a combination of departments within HHS.

Allowable uses of grant funds include procurement of personal protective equipment (PPE), healthcare equipment and supplies, supportive quarantine services, public employees needed for emergency response, non-profit human service providers needed for emergency response, and public information

and outreach. HHS has allocated some of the grant funding to each of these categories, including procurement of PPE, hotel/motel vouchers for supportive quarantine needs, Public Health nurses involved in pandemic response, and other sheltering of at-risk populations. A small amount of funding is also dedicated to public information and administration.

It is respectfully requested that this Board approve this CMSP award of COVID-19 Emergency Grant Program funds in furtherance of these important health care and supportive services for identified high-risk populations in our community.

Item Initiated by: Erin Mettler, Chief Fiscal/Administrative Officer, Health and Human Services

Approved by: Ryan Gruver, Director, Health and Human Services