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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** June 23, 2020

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** **Mike Dent, Director of Child Support, Collections, Housing and Community Services**

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving submittal of an application to the California State Department of Housing and Community Development for the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) program and authorizing the Agency Director of Health and Human Services, or his designee, to act on behalf of the County of Nevada to complete the application process and secure award of PLHA program funds.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached resolution.

**FUNDING:** PLHA grants are state funded formula grants established by the 2017 Building Homes and Jobs Act (SB2). If PLHA program funds are awarded, the Nevada County Health and Human Services Agency will return to the Board for acceptance of the grant funds and execution of the standard agreement. There is no impact to the General Fund, and no budget amendment is needed at this time.

**BACKGROUND:** In 2017, the State Legislature passed, and the Governor signed, the Building Homes and Jobs Act (SB2) establishing a \$75.00 local recording fee on real estate documents to create a permanent ongoing source to local governments for housing-related projects and programs that assist in addressing the unmet housing needs in local communities. These funds are deposited into the State Treasury's Building Homes and Jobs Trust fund and, under statute, are distributed to local governments using a formula allocation.

The Fiscal Year 19-20 Notice of Funding Availability authorizes approximately \$195,000,000 to be distributed to local governments out of the Trust fund to be used for eligible activities as outlined in the program guidelines. Under the formula allocation, Nevada County is to set to receive an estimated \$306,319 per year beginning in FY20-21. Program Guidelines for the PLHA program stipulate the

submitted application shall have a term of 5 years with local governments required to obtain approval from Department of Housing and Community Development (“HCD”) to amend the plan during the 5-year term.

Under PLHA program guidelines, a local government can delegate to another local government the authority to submit an application and administer on its behalf its formula allocation of program funds, provided that the local governments enter into a legally binding agreement and the funds are expended for eligible activities and consistent with program requirements. Nevada County has developed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Grass Valley and the City of Nevada City wherein both Cities have agreed to delegate their PLHA allocations to the County. This legally binding MOU will join this resolution as part of the completed PLHA application meeting Project threshold requirements for the PLHA program.

The entire PLHA plan will be detailed in the application. That plan will be presented to the BOS in July 2020 prior to submission of the application.

**Item Initiated and Approved by:** Mike Dent, Director of Child Support, Housing and Community Services