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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:** | **Steve Monaghan – IGS-Emergency Services** |
| **SUBJECT:** | Resolution approving the allocation of funding, the submittal of applications for funding, the execution of the allocation agreements, and any amendments thereto from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2017 Mitigation Resilient Infrastructure Program allocation for County of Nevada up to the amount of $3,159,981 |

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the Resolution

**FUNDING:** This is a federal allocation through California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2017 Mitigation Resilient Infrastructure Program funds in the amount up to $3,159,981. This is a reimbursement allocation and a budget amendment will be included in the County wide budget amendment as the project progresses. Funds will be expended and received by the Office of Emergency Management Budget over the life of the allocation. There is no budget amendment requested at this time and no further impact on the General Fund.

**BACKGROUND:** In February 2018, the President signed Public Law 115-123 appropriating $28 billion to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to assist communities impacted by disasters. Of this allocation, the State of California (state) received a total of $212 million in funding to support recovery and mitigation efforts following the wildfires, flooding, mudflows, and debris flows that occurred in October and December 2017. The funding is tied to Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) Major Disaster Declarations DR-4344 and DR-4353. The HCD is the responsible entity for administering disaster recovery funding allocated to the State of California. HUD approved HCD's 2017 Unmet Recovery Needs Action Plan on March 15, 2019, and HCD signed a grant agreement with HUD to begin drawing down the $124 million in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding in August 2019.

On October 9, 2017 the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada proclaimed that a local emergency existed throughout Nevada County commencing due to the Wind Complex Fires and related evacuations within the County of Nevada and neighboring counties thus qualifying the County for the FEMA funding opportunity. In December

2020, County of Nevada Office of Emergency Services submitted a Notice of Intent to the (CDBG) Mitigation Resilient Infrastructure Program (MIT-RIP) to complete hazardous fuels removal work along 317.5 miles of public roadway.

Hazardous vegetation treatment along roadsides has been identified in Nevada County's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, Community Wildfire Protection Plan, the County's Safety Element, and the CAL FIRE Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit Plan as a critical mitigation measure to make evacuation routes safer for residents and increase ingress safety for fire fighters as well as first responders.

This Resolution approves the allocation of funding through California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2017 Mitigation Resilient Infrastructure Program funds in the amount up to $3,159,981. This resolution authorizes the Director of Emergency Services to sign the allocation agreement and any subsequent amendments and ancillary documents for the purposes of this allocation. The Director of Emergency Services or designee will forward the award contract to the Auditor Controller and County Counsel for review prior to signing the agreement. The Office of Emergency Services will bring an update to the Board of Supervisors regarding this allocation.

**Item Initiated by:**   Paul Cummings

**Approved by:**   Steve Monaghan