

## **<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>**: Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) administers state and federal funds for local public health emergency preparedness. Under this five-year Agreement, the County is to receive: \$763,600 in PHEP funds; \$661,665 in HPP funds; and \$315,990 in Pan Flu funds for a total maximum amount of \$1,741,255. Funding was anticipated in the Department's budget and there are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

**BACKGROUND:** The Public Health Department in partnership with the Office of Emergency Services, Environmental Health, and other local emergency responders, continues to make strides towards developing a stronger infrastructure to ensure an immediate and adequate response to acts or threats of bioterrorism, infectious disease outbreaks, and other public health threats or emergencies.

The California Department of Public Health provides counties with funding for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Program, the Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) to enable health care facilities within counties to develop and maintain disaster preparedness, and State General Funds for Pandemic Influenza preparedness. These funds are passed through to local health jurisdictions via a Comprehensive Agreement, which represents an integration of efforts across funding streams. Public Health is funded for work plans for each of these program areas as approved by the state for providing strategies and meeting critical task performance requirements for each of these program components. It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve this Agreement to assure that Nevada County is better prepared to address emergency events and any pandemic influenza outbreaks that may surface. This funding provides lasting benefits for public health and the County's ability to prevent and respond to a variety of disasters or disease outbreaks.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Jill Blake, MPA, Director of Public Health