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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: January 12, 2021

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Mike Dent – Housing & Community Services**

SUBJECT: Resolution reaffirming and approving the submittal of an application for funding and the execution of a grant agreement and any amendments thereto from the 2019/2020 funding year of the State Community Development Block Grant Program.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: This is a federal grant application for up to \$1,979,500 requiring no General Fund local cash match with no use of program income anticipated at this time. There is no impact on the General Fund. If the grant is awarded, the Director of Health and Human Services or designee will sign the grant agreement and subsequently return to the Board of Supervisors to provide an information update, and a budget amendment will be included in the County wide budget amendment following receipt of the executed grant agreement.

BACKGROUND: For the 2019-2020 funding cycle, the State Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) program has announced approximately \$60 million is available to eligible jurisdictions to apply for the CDBG grant for housing, public services, public improvement, public facilities, planning and related activities.

This year, the State has made available an aggregate maximum of up to \$3,500,000 to non-entitled jurisdictions (small cities and counties) through a revised application process of Over the Counter and competitive grants. These grant funds must benefit persons in the Low-Moderate (Low-Mod) income group or address the elimination of slums and blight. Low-Mod is defined as households whose income does not exceed 80% of the county’s median income,

adjusted by family size. The County's completed grant application was to be submitted to the State Department of Housing and Community Development no later than April 15, 2020.

The Health and Human Services Agency ("HHSA")/Housing Division held a public meeting on January 29, 2019, at 2:00PM, in the Empire room, to solicit recommendations for eligible activities under the 2019-2020 CDBG funding cycle. Notice of the meeting was published in The Union and the Sierra Sun. The meeting was attended by members of the community with all proposals and comments accepted. These proposals were reviewed and evaluated for program eligibility, community need and impact along with alignment with State guidelines and priorities.

The HHSA/Housing Division, on behalf of Nevada County, is seeking approval to apply for a grant in an amount of up to \$1,979,500 under the CDBG program. Staff has identified and is recommending the submission of the CDBG application for the following eligible activity:

Public Service Program: Senior Services	\$ 350,000
Public Service Program: Nutritional Services	\$ 500,000
Housing Program: Owner Occupied Rehabilitation	\$ 750,000
Planning Grant: Resource Center Development	\$ 250,000
<u>General Administration</u>	<u>\$ 129,500</u>
Total CDBG Funding Application:	\$ 1,979,500

This application seeks funding to supply assistance to the County's senior population by expanding the current Meals on Wheels program. This expansion is expected to increase the number of clients served and increase the number of meals provided from one to two per day. Funding will also be sought to provide nutritional services. Nutritional services will enhance the health and safety of those that experience food insecurity within the community. These public services will be designed and implemented to assist individuals and families in obtaining self-sufficiency. HHSA further seeks funding to assist with minor health-and-safety-related home modifications and repairs for older adults living in Nevada, County. This program will allow people with disabilities to safely remain living in their home. Lastly, HHSA will seek funding to prepare construction documents and complete pre-construction related items for a permanent Community Resource Center to serve the homeless. If awarded these funds will allow the County to position itself to be more competitive in obtaining funding in the next CDBG grant cycle in order to construct the center.

The Board of Supervisors approved the submittal of this application on March 24, 2020 per Resolution 20-087. Due to HCD's continued CDBG program re-evaluation an amended resolution is required to qualify for funding. HCD requests that the Director of the Agency or designee be provided with the authority to accept the award. HCD's perspective is that this will streamline the award process and avoid additional reviews particularly by their legal department. Upon the Board's approval, in accordance with HCD's requested procedure as outlined above, the Health and Human Services Director shall be authorized to sign the grant agreement and any subsequent amendments thereto with the State of California for the purposes of this grant. The Director of Health and Human Services or designee, will forward the award contract to the Auditor Controller and County Counsel for review prior to signing the agreement. The Director

of Health and Human Services or designee, will return to the Board of Supervisors to provide an informational update should the application be approved.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Mike Dent, Director – Housing and Community Services