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HOUSING & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: May 13, 2025

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Tyler Barrington, Housing and Community Services Interim Director

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the submittal of an application to the California

State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for funding under the HOME Investment Partnerships Program in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000; and if selected, the execution of a Standard Agreement, any amendments thereto, and of any related documents necessary to participate in the HOME Investment Partnerships Program.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

<u>FUNDING</u>: Federally funded reimbursement program. If HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds are awarded, the Department will return to the Board for acceptance of the grant funds and execution of the Standard Agreement. There is no impact on the General Fund, and no budget amendment is needed.

BACKGROUND: The California Department of Housing and Community Services (HCD) released an annual notice of funding availability (NOFA) on December 30, 2024 (subsequently amended February 11, 2025) for the HOME Program. Among other eligible uses, the HOME program funds can be used for a Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program, which provides rental assistance to low-income households for up to 24 months.

Rising housing costs continue to be a concern for Nevada County residents, for both renters and homeowners. The Housing Needs Survey conducted in February 2024 listed "a home that is more affordable" as a selected housing need for 65% of responders, and key findings of the survey indicated rent costs as a major concern. Additionally, the Community Needs Assessment conducted on behalf of the Adult and Family Services Commission to be adopted by the Commission in May 2025 reveals that approximately 92% of extremely low-income renters are

cost burdened and overpaying for housing. Direct demand for rental assistance is also evidenced through frequent calls for assistance from Nevada County residents. The TBRA program is a method to address affordable housing in Nevada County for low-income renters.

It is recommended the Board approve the submission of an application in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 to the HOME Program to fund the Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program in an effort to alleviate housing costs for low-income households.

Approved by: Tyler Barrington, Housing and Community Services Interim Director