



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER NEGOTIATE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE NEVADA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$450,000, FOR BUILDING RENTAL SPACE FOR FACILITATION OF A TEMPORARY YOUTH HUB FOCUSED ON DISTANCE LEARNING AND COVID-19 SAFE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY ACCESS TO GROUNDS FOR LIMITED RECREATIONAL USE, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors passed and adopted Resolutions 20-062, ratifying the declaration of a local health emergency in Nevada County, and 20-063, proclaiming a local emergency in Nevada County due to rapid spread of COVID-19 in a growing number of countries, including the United States, and the potential introduction of COVID-19 in the County of Nevada (Resolution 20-062); and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Governor of California issued a statewide Executive Order, N-33-20, which required Californians to remain at their home or place of residence, except as necessary to carry out essential activities; and

WHEREAS, On May 4, 2020 a California State Executive order informed local health jurisdictions and industry sectors that they may gradually reopen under new modifications and guidance provided by the state per the May 7, 2020 Public Health Order; and

WHEREAS, On August 28, 2020 the state released a “Blueprint for a Safer Economy” in which the state revised criteria for loosening and tightening restrictions on activities; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 communitywide response included the closures of schools in March 2020 and a move to a distance learning model for the majority of Nevada County schools and that this model is continuing for the 20/21 school year until it can be determined that schools can reopen safely, and even then schools will likely employ a hybrid model that continues distance learning; and

WHEREAS, not all Nevada County households with school-age children have access to internet that would facilitate distance learning; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has curtailed opportunities for youth social interactions and youth focused organizations within the county have been impacted by COVID-19 restrictions and are in need of safe and accessible space to provide programs in a COVID-19 safe manner; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada County Fairgrounds has available facility space and those facilities are well suited for the use of a temporary youth hub employing practices that are in compliance with the COVID-19 pandemic response requirements and State public health orders; and

WHEREAS, there is a need within the community for a temporary youth hub focused on distance learning and COVID-19 safe youth social activities; and

WHEREAS, the County of Nevada desires to facilitate the creation of a temporary youth hub by entering into a lease agreement with the Nevada County Fairgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the County of Nevada also desires to facilitate the use of facilities by County focused youth providers and organizations, including the Nevada County schools, the Friendship Club/NEO, among others and will work with the Fairgrounds to create a mechanism and approval process for such entities to occupy and use the facilities to be rented by Nevada County; and

WHEREAS, the County of Nevada desires the Nevada County Fairgrounds to reopen its outside spaces to the community for safe recreational uses, such as biking and walking, and for the use of the temporary youth hub, and recognizes that the Nevada County Fairgrounds would need financial support to cover operational costs in order to make the grounds accessible to the public; and

WHEREAS, the County of Nevada will use a portion of the state allocated CRF Funds to compensate the Nevada County Fairgrounds, in a manner consistent with the requirements of the CARES Act and the US Treasury guidance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, hereby directs the following:

1. Directs the Nevada County CEO, or her designee, to negotiate the terms of a lease agreement with the Nevada County Fairgrounds for the rental of facilities in order to facilitate a youth focused hub as well as the re-opening of public spaces for community recreational access.
2. Authorizes the Nevada County CEO to execute all documents related to the negotiated lease with the Nevada County Fairgrounds.
3. Directs the Nevada County CEO, or her designee, to develop the framework, including but not limited to subleases or applications for facility space, for youth focused service providers, including Nevada County schools, for which they will provide services and programming at the youth hub at the Nevada County Fairgrounds.
4. Authorizes the Nevada County CEO to execute all documents, as needed, with youth focused service providers that would allow use of facilities at the Nevada County Fairgrounds, as allowed under the final Fairgrounds Agreement with the County.