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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: November 14, 2017

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Tex Ritter, Director – Housing & Community Services**

SUBJECT: Resolution accepting public comment on the 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application; and approving the submittal of Nevada County's application; and approving the owner-occupied housing rehabilitation assistance program guidelines; to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for the 2017 Community Development Block Grant for funding up to the amount of \$5,000,000.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached resolution.

FUNDING: This is a federal grant application for up to \$5,000,000 requiring a \$5,000 General Fund local cash match and use of \$904 in program income. There is no additional impact on the General Fund. If the grant is awarded, a budget amendment will be presented to the Board of Supervisors along with a request to accept the award.

BACKGROUND: For the 2017 funding cycle, the CDBG program has announced approximately \$27 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 \$5,000,000 to non-entitled jurisdictions (small cities and counties) through a competitive grant application for a total of two funded activities and a planning and technical assistance activity. These grant funds must benefit persons in the Low-Moderate (Low-Mod) income group (LMI) 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 is to be submitted to the State Department of Housing and Community Development no later than December 1, 2017.

A public hearing is required by the CDBG program to allow public comment and input to determine the final activities to be submitted in the applications.

The Health and Human Services Agency/Housing Division, on behalf of Nevada County, is applying for a grant in an amount of up to \$5,000,000 under the CDBG program. Staff has identified and is recommending two eligible activities and a planning and technical assistance activity to be included in the application as follows:

General Administration:	\$ 299,749
Public Facility: Rehabilitation and expansion of the Odyssey House, a transitional residential treatment facility for severely mentally ill adults	\$2,973,392
Housing Rehabilitation Single Unit: The Program provides assistance in the form of deferred and forgivable payment loans used to finance the cost of necessary repairs that will provide the homeowner with a healthy, safe, sanitary and code compliant home	\$ 930,233
Planning/ Technical Assistance - CD: Funding to research and develop strategies for providing efficient and effective services for homelessness while addressing the needs for affordable housing. This study will position us for future grant opportunities, including future CDBG funding cycles	\$ 93,023
<hr/> Total	<hr/> \$ 4,296,397

** Please note that the General Administration funds are attributable to each of the categories*

The CDBG program requires a 5% cash match for Planning/Technical Assistance grants. The use of \$5,000 County Local Leverage Funding source from the General Fund is being requested with the Board item and is necessary should the County receive the \$100,000 (inclusive of General Administration funds) Planning/Technical Assistance grant award for the Homelessness and Housing Affordability Planning Project. The State Department of Housing and Community Development further requires that the Board approve the owner-occupied housing rehabilitation assistance program guidelines.

Your Board is requested to solicit public comment on this grant application; and to approve submittal of 2017 CDBG application. Upon your Board's approval, the Health and Human Services/Housing Division will complete the application before the deadline and the Chair of the Board shall be authorized to sign the grant application and all documents that support the application. If awarded, the above referenced CDBG standard agreement will be brought before the Board of Supervisors for a final approval and a formal request to amend the appropriate budgets will be included.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Tex Ritter, Director – Housing and Community Services