



## **RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

### **OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA**

#### **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA) AND AWARD SELECTION PROCEDURES FOR “COMMUNITY RESILIENCY GRANT” PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING DIVISION TO ADVERTISE FOR QUALIFIED APPLICATIONS**

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors passed and adopted Resolution 20-063, proclaiming a local emergency in Nevada County due to rapid spread of COVID-19. 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. The COVID-19 pandemic has had continued impacts to the economic well-being of the local community and the County has continued to provide an on-going response to this pandemic locally; and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) (H.R. 1319) is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus package passed by Congress and signed by President Joseph Biden on March 11, 2021 in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and associated economic challenges. ARPA included \$350 billion in State and Local Aid, which included \$65.1 billion in direct funding to counties. Based on US Treasury allocations, Nevada County has been allocated \$19,376,239 in funding; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors approved the acceptance of the county funding award on May 27, 2021 with Resolution 21-176. Funds in the amount of \$9,688,119.50 have been received, and it's anticipated that the remaining \$9,688,119.50 will be received on or around June 1, 2022. The deadline to obligate all funds is December 31, 2024. Nevada County will be required to report periodically how funds are used; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2021, staff brought a preliminary ARPA Expenditure Plan to the Board for direction. The plan included a recommendation to allocate 30% of ARPA funds (\$5.8 Million) to “Community & Economic Resiliency” projects; and

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2021, the Board approved the staff recommendation for the first round of ARPA expenditures, including up to \$2 Million for a “Community Resiliency Grant

Program” to provide macro-grants to support community-serving institutions and programs, consistent with ARPA guidelines to “respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;” and

WHEREAS, staff consulted with the Sierra Business Council to draft application criteria, and prepared the guidelines, Request for Applications (RFA), and the award process for the “Community Resiliency Grant” program, seeking grant applications from eligible entities with programs and projects that respond to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and are designed to increase resiliency, support recovery, and provide relief; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the award selection procedures set forth in the RFA, an evaluation committee comprised of staff and community members will be convened to review the responsive applications, score each application per the criteria described in the RFA, and make recommendations to the County Executive Officer, Alison Lehman, who will develop the final recommendation to the Nevada County Board of Supervisors in October 2021 for approval.

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

1. The Request for Application (RFA) for the “Community Resiliency Grants” Program and award selection procedures is hereby approved in substantially the same form as attached hereto and authority is hereby given to the County Executive Officer to make any amendments or additions as are necessary to comply with all laws and guidelines; and
2. The Purchasing Division is authorized to advertise for applications from the qualified entities Countywide, and authorizes the formation of an evaluation committee as outlined in the RFA to review the responsive applications, score each application per the criteria described in the RFA, and make recommendations to the County Executive Officer, Alison Lehman, who will develop the final recommendation to bring to the Nevada County Board of Supervisors in October 2021 for approval.