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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: November 12, 2024

TO: Board of Supervisors

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

SUBJECT: Resolution approving an application for funding and the execution of a grant agreement and any amendments thereto from the 2024 funding year of the State CDBG Program.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached resolution.

FUNDING: This is a federal grant application for up to \$ 426,168 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, a budget amendment will be presented to the Board of Supervisors.

BACKGROUND: For the 2024 funding cycle, the CDBG program has announced approximately \$34 million is available to eligible jurisdictions to apply for the CDBG grant for housing, public services, public improvement, public facilities, planning and related activities.

CDBG 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 30, 2024.

The Health and Human Services Agency/Housing Division held public meetings on August 7th, 2024, at 10057 Reservoir St, North San Juan, CA 95960; and on August 9th, 2024 at 950 Maidu Ave, Nevada City CA 95959, in the Coyote Room., to solicit recommendations for eligible activities under the 2024 CDBG funding cycle. Notice of the meeting was posted in the County Newsletter, HCS Website, at the Rood Center, Madilyn Helling Library, the Joseph Center, North San Juan Post Office, Mother Truckers and sent to the Community Support Network. All received proposals were

reviewed and evaluated for program eligibility, community need and impact along with alignment of State guidelines and priorities.

The Health and Human Services Agency/Housing Division, on behalf of Nevada County, is seeking approval to apply for a grant in an amount of up to \$ 426,168 under the CDBG program. Staff has identified and is recommending the submission of the CDBG application for the following eligible activity:

Public Service – Senior Services	\$	300,000
Planning Grant – NSJ Eligibility Determination	\$	100,000
<u>General Administration</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>26,168</u>
Total CDBG Funding Application:	\$	426,168

This application seeks funding to supply assistance to the County’s senior population by expanding services through Gold Country Community Services. This expansion is expected to increase the nutritional needs of seniors within the County. Nutritional services will enhance the health and safety of seniors that experience food insecurity within the community.

Additionally, the latest Census data indicates that the North San Juan Ridge Area of the County does not meet low to moderate income eligibility. Based on the margin of error listed in the census HCS does not believe this data to be accurate. To evaluate the accuracy of the Census data, HCS is requesting approval to apply for a Planning and Technical Assistance grant to coordinate with a consulting firm to complete an income survey within the area. If awarded these funds will allow the County to position itself to be more competitive in obtaining funding in the next CDBG grant cycle to move forward with the NSJ Fire Suppression Project.

Upon the Board’s approval, 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.

Item Initiated by: Rob Choate, Administrative Services Associate
Approved by: Mike Dent, Director – Housing and Community Services