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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: September 22, 2020

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: County Executive Office

SUBJECT: Resolution approving a revised Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Expenditure Plan, and Directing the Auditor-Controller to amend various fiscal year 2020/21 budgets (4/5 affirmative vote required)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the resolution.

FUNDING: The State of California has allocated \$10,004,000 in Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) to Nevada County. These funds will be used reimburse the County for costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic and public health response as well as be used to support economic and community resiliency from COVID-19 related hardships. Funds will be spent according to the CRF Expenditure Plan (Expenditure Plan) that is included below, including an estimated \$6.8 million for County expenses and \$3.2 million for Economic and Community Resiliency. The Expenditure Plan will impact numerous County budgets including the General Fund, Health and Human Services Agency, Office of Emergency Services and Information and General Services. A budget amendment is included in the resolution.

BACKGROUND: On March 10, 2020 the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 20-063 proclaiming a local emergency in Nevada County due to rapid spread of COVID-19 and threat to Nevada County. On March 19, 2020, the Governor of California issued a statewide order requiring all Californians to remain in at their home or place of residence, except as necessary to carry out essential activities. Subsequent related actions include: on March 27, 2020 the President of the United States signed into federal law the CARES Act allocating \$150 billion to states and local governments; on June 29th, 2020 the state passed the Budget Act of 2020 including approximately \$10 million allocated to the County of Nevada.

On July 14th, 2020 the Nevada County Board of Supervisors adopted resolution 20-319 approving the county CRF Expenditure Plan, including approximately \$7.0 million to reimburse the County for COVID-19 related costs and approximately \$3.0 million of expenditures for economic and community resilience investments to assist local non-profits, small businesses and county anchor institutions to support economic infrastructure and assist the most vulnerable residents and businesses of the County. That resolution also included initial amendments to various County budgets.

The intent of this board item is to update the CRF Expenditure Plan, provide additional amendments to various County budgets to further reflect CRF Expenses, and to allow the County Executive Officer to move funds within the CRF Expenditure Plan to meet changing needs of various County budgets and community resilience needs in order to meet Board of Supervisors and County priorities respond to COVID-19.

The updated expenditure plan includes an estimated \$6.8 million for County expenses and \$3.2 million for Economic and Community Resiliency. The County expenses include approximately: Medical and Public Health Expenditures (\$3.3M); Emergency Response/Operations (\$2.2M); Other Staffing and Payroll Costs (\$0.8M); and Housing and Homelessness (0.5M). Expenditures in those categories remain largely unchanged from the numbers presented on July 14th, 2020.

The table below reflects the updated expenditures for Economic & Community Resiliency (approximately \$3.2M).

Item	Amount (in Millions)
Community Wireless, Emergency Communication & Broadband Accessibility <i>(contingent on compatibility with Federal guidance)</i>	\$1.00
Nevada County Relief Fund	
Micro Grants to Small Businesses and Non-Profits	\$0.25
Macro Grants for Anchor Institutions/Organizations within the County	\$1.50
Municipal Police Departments	\$.42
Total	\$3.17

Update on CRF Actual Expenditures and Activities

- On July 28, 2020, the Board of Supervisors approved resolution 20-349 authorizing the County Executive Officer to sign Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with each of the three police departments located in the county. The MOUs totaling \$415,000 have been completed, including \$135,000 to the City of Grass Valley, \$160,000 to the Town of Truckee, and \$120,000 to Nevada City.
- On September 4, 2020, the County submitted the first required CRF expense report to the state. The report includes actual expenses between March 1 and June 30, 2020 of \$1.7 million of the total \$6.8 million of funding to be used for County reimbursement.
- On September 9, 2020 the Nevada County Relief Fund announced its third round of grant awards, including \$250,000 in micro grants and non-profit grants funded with CRF monies.

- On September 22, 2020, a resolution approving a \$1 million Community Broadband Accessibility Program grant will be brought to the Board of Supervisors for consideration.
- On September 22, 2020, a resolution approving \$1.5M in Economic and Community Resiliency Grants for “anchor institutions” will be brought to the Board of Supervisors for consideration.
- On September 22, 2020, a resolution with the Nevada County Fairgrounds will be brought to the Board of Supervisors not to exceed \$450,000, including up to \$200,000 of CRF funds plus up to \$250,000 of General Fund monies, to support a lease of space for temporary youth hub and access to the fairgrounds for recreational use.

The resolution requests authority for the County Executive Officer to move funds within the CRF Expenditure Plan to meet changing needs of various county budgets and community resilience needs in order to meet Board of Supervisors and county priorities respond to COVID-19. The County Executive Officer, or her designee, will report any major changes to the Board of Supervisors and budget amendments will continue to be brought to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada and require 4/5ths affirmative vote.

This item also directs the Auditor-Controller to amend various county budgets to allow for expenditures in the CRF Expenditure Plan.

We recommend that the Board approve this resolution.

Initiated by: Martin Polt, Deputy County Executive Officer

Approved by: Alison Lehman, County Executive Officer