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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: August 11, 2020

TO: Board of Supervisors

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

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the submittal of an application for funding and the execution of a grant agreement and any amendments thereto pertaining to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Coronavirus Response Round 1 (CDBG-CV1) funding.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached resolution.

FUNDING: This is a federal grant application for up to \$257,134 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 along with a request to accept the award.

BACKGROUND: The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) announced the availability of approximately \$18.7 million in funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Coronavirus Response Round 1 (CDBG-CV1) funding for local assistance.

CDBG-CV1 funding is made available pursuant to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The maximum grant award available for Nevada County is \$257,134. These grant funds must benefit persons in the Low-Moderate (Low-Mod) income group (LMI) and be directly related to the COVID 19 pandemic. 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 August 31, 2020.

The Health and Human Services Agency/Housing Division held a public meeting on July 31, 2020, at 2:00 PM, via a virtual meeting, to solicit recommendations for eligible activities. Notice of the meeting was published in The Union and with various community partners. The meeting was attended by members of the community with all proposals and comments accepted. These 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 \$257,134 under the CDBG-CV1 program. Staff has identified and is recommending the submission of the CDBG application for the following eligible activities:

Public Service Program: Homeless Operating Cost	\$ 50,000
General Administration: Homeless Operating Cost	\$ 8,500
Subsistence Payments: Mortgage Assistance	\$ 164,866
<u>General Administration: Mortgage Assistance</u>	<u>\$ 33,768</u>
Total CDBG Funding Application:	\$ 257,134

This application seeks funding to provide assistance to the County's low to moderate income population by expanding and continuing the Homeless Project Room Key and provide mortgage assistance to those who have lost income due to the COVID 19 Pandemic.

The Board of Supervisors is requested to authorize the submittal of a CDBG Coronavirus Response Round 1 (CDBG-CV1) application. Upon the Board's approval, the Health and Human Services/Housing Division will complete the application before the deadline and the Health and Human Services Director 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 back 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: Mike Dent, Director – Housing and Community Services