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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: August 8, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Kathy Cahill**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving acceptance of funds from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Future of Public Health Funding Award Number FoPH-031 funding in the annual amount of \$690,079 for FY 2023/24, FY 2024/25, and FY 2025/26.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The California Budget Act of 2022 provides \$200.4 million annually to local health jurisdictions for public health workforce and infrastructure. The California Department of Public Health has allocated \$690,079 annually to the Nevada County Public Health Department for expenditure during FY 2023/24, FY 2024/25 and FY 2025/26. There are no county general fund dollars required in acceptance of the funds.

BACKGROUND: The California Budget Act of 2022 provides \$200.4 million annually to local health jurisdictions for public health workforce and infrastructure. These funds are considered ongoing funds and part of the ongoing baseline state budget. The California Department of Public Health has allocated \$690,079 annually to the Nevada County Public Health Department for the next three fiscal years. At least 70% of the funds must be dedicated to hiring of permanent county staff, and the local health jurisdiction must submit an annual certification that this funding shall be used to supplement and not supplant all other specific county funds used for local health jurisdiction purposes.

Nevada County Public Health intends to use the funding to support strategic positions that will better prepare the department to carry out the numerous responsibilities with which it is charged and also better prepare the department to address future public health emergencies. Two positions were converted from limited term to permanent and two new positions were created in the prior fiscal year. This funding will be used to continue financial support for these four critical positions in emergency preparedness, infection control, health equity, and administration.

It is recommended the Board accept this funding to support the Public Health Department's workforce, infrastructure, and equity initiatives in the community.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Kathy Cahill, Department of Public Health Director