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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: July 9, 2024

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Alison Lehman, County Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Resolution approving Amendment No. 1 to the Grant Award Agreement with Nevada County Habitat for Humanity, extending the term by 12 months to December 31, 2025, for their existing “Community Resiliency Grant” in the amount of \$100,000 funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the grant amendment

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Resolution.

FUNDING:

This “Community Resiliency Grant” award to Nevada County Habitat for Humanity in the amount of \$100,000 was funded with Federal American Rescue Plan (ARPA) dollars. Resolution 21-480 approved thirty-two awards totaling \$1,991,884 in “Community Resiliency Grants” funded by Federal American Rescue Plan (ARPA) dollars, including the award referenced herein. Resolution 21-450 established a budget for the remainder of the first tranche of the ARPA allocation, including \$2,000,000 for Community Resiliency Grants, in accordance with the ARPA Expenditure Plan presented to the Board of Supervisors on April 27, 2021. There are no General Fund dollars used for this agreement and no budget amendment is needed.

It is notable that ARPA funds must be expended or encumbered by December 31, 2024 and expended by December 31, 2026. The funds for this contract are considered encumbered and thus meet the ARPA guidelines; this amendment allows the contractor an additional year (until 12/31/2025) to spend the funds.

BACKGROUND:

Resolution 22-040, approved by the Nevada County Board of Supervisors and executed in February of that year, was one of the thirty-two awards, granting \$100,000 to Habitat for Humanity for the following general purposes:

- Mitigate financial hardship, such as declines in revenues due to impacts of periods of business closures, and/or suspended business activities such as revenue generating fund raisers due to social distancing requirements or other public health orders; and
- Support for programmatic services that assist in addressing the economic hardship experienced by the Grant Recipient and/or the negative economic impacts experienced by its customers.
- And specifically, to support site development and infrastructure for 12 homes in the Heritage Oaks Development, Phase 2, on Joyce Drive in Grass Valley. New home construction to begin in Spring 2022. Heritage Oaks falls within the Qualified Census Tract (nonmetro DDA) for Grass Valley.

The “Community Resiliency Grants” Program provides one-time grants to eligible entities including nonprofit organizations, for-profit businesses, and special purpose districts. The individual Grant Award Recipient Agreement was developed and executed with the Grant Award Recipient; part of this agreement stipulated the County is requiring that funds be spent by December 31, 2024.

Habitat for Humanity has experienced unforeseen challenges outside of their control that have delayed their ability to expend funds. While the project on Joyce Drive celebrated a groundbreaking and early development steps were completed, there are soils mitigation issues that have slowed the process. These delays will likely result in Habitat for Humanity not being able to expend all funds by December 31, 2024, and they have asked for an extension. Under ARPA guidelines, the funds are already encumbered through the contract and therefore the expenditure deadline is 12/31/2026. Allowing the contractor until 12/31/2025 to complete the project is within ARPA guidelines.

Recommended action:

The executed agreement constitutes an encumbrance and meets the contractual requirement of the ARPA funds. Therefore, staff recommends the Board adopt the attached Resolution approving an amendment of the Grant Award Agreement with Nevada County Habitat for Humanity and authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute grant amendment with the Grant Award Recipient.

Item Initiated by: Ariel Lovett, Project Administrator

Approved by: Alison Lehman, County Executive Officer