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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** December 15, 2020

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Heidi Hall, Chair of the Board  
Dan Miller, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT:** Resolution releasing Economic Development Infrastructure Assignment in the General Fund in the amount of \$100,000 in Fiscal Year 2020/21 to match community donations made through the Nevada County Relief Fund to provide Emergency Relief to support our local small businesses most impacted by the State Regional Stay at Home Order announced December 3, 2020, and Supplemental Order, signed December 6, 2020; authorizing the County Executive Officer to execute related documents; and directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the Fiscal Year 2020/21 Housing and Community Services Budget (4/5 Affirmative Vote Required)

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the Resolution.

**FUNDING:** Funding for the contribution to the Nevada County Relief Fund will be provided by a release of \$100,000 in Economic Development Infrastructure Assignment in the General Fund. The Economic Development Infrastructure Assignment is intended to support strategic expenditures to develop overall economic prosperity, stimulate the local economy, and to create and retain jobs. In accordance with Government Code section 29130, a four-fifths vote of the Board is required to appropriate these funds. A budget amendment is included in the resolution.

**BACKGROUND:** On March 10, 2020, the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 20-062 proclaiming a local emergency in Nevada County due to rapid spread of COVID-19 in the world and neighboring communities, and the potential introduction of COVID-19 in the County of Nevada.

On April 14, 2020, in response to the substantial financial impacts on businesses in our community resulting from the ongoing public health emergency and related statewide orders, the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 20-104 authorizing \$100,000 to establish the Nevada County Relief Fund to support our local non-profits and small businesses. Resolution 20-104 also authorized the CEO to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) by and between the parties involved in the Nevada County Relief Fund. This MOU established the Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital Foundation as the fiscal sponsor of the Nevada County Relief Fund, with responsibility for the collection and management of donations and distribution of grants delegated thereto.

On July 14, 2020, the Board approved Resolution 20-319 approving the allocation of an additional \$250,000 in Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund monies to the Nevada County Relief Fund. To date, the Nevada County Relief Fund has matched those public dollars with over \$400,000 in community donations.

On December 2, 2020, the Nevada County Relief Fund launched a “Small Business Winter Survival Campaign” to raise desperately needed funds to support small, locally-owned businesses hardest hit by the pandemic. With the onset of colder weather and the holiday shopping season, some of these businesses find themselves battling to survive during these challenging times.

For-profit businesses, who are supporting and complying with public health guidelines to protect their customers and staff, will be eligible to apply for micro-grants up to \$5,000 that may be used for rent relief or other critical business expenses needed to stay open this winter. The Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital Foundation is serving as the Relief Fund’s fiscal sponsor, ensuring that donations may be made safely and are tax deductible. The Sierra Business Council is partnering to administer the grant application process to ensure it is efficient and equitable. The Relief Fund’s Community Advisory Council will have oversight over the final award allocations to eligible small businesses throughout the County of Nevada.

On December 3, 2020 and December 6, 2020, the California Department of Public Health issued a Regional Stay at Home Order and Supplemental Order, placing further restrictions on regions of the State which have less than 15% Intensive Care Unit (“ICU”) availability. On December 9, 2020, the State announced that the Greater Sacramento Region, in which Nevada County is included, has dropped ICU capacity below 15%. This means that Nevada County and our neighboring counties will move into a Regional Stay at Home Order beginning Friday, December 11.

In order to help mitigate the impacts of these new restrictions and the Regional Stay-At-Home Order, we recommend the authorization of a matching grant in the amount of \$100,000 to support the work of the Nevada County Relief Fund.

The CEO’s Office will be the lead to coordinate with the Nevada County Relief Fund’s fiscal sponsor, the Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital Foundation, the Sierra Business Council, and the Relief Fund’s Community Advisory Council. The Resolution gives the authority to the CEO or her designee to amend the MOU to document the specific intent of the contribution proposed in this Resolution.

**Item Initiated by:** Chair Hall and Vice Chair Miller

**Approved by:** Alison Lehman, County Executive Officer  
Martin Polt, Deputy County Executive Officer/CFO