



# COUNTY OF NEVADA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

**MEETING DATE:** May 14, 2024

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** **Amy Irani, Environmental Health Director**

**SUBJECT:** Resolution authorizing the execution of the AB 178 Local Government Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operation (MEHKO) Assistance Program Grant administered by the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH) for the period May 15, 2024, through May 31, 2025, in the amount of \$50,098.51

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** Funding is provided through the AB 178 Local Government Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operation (MEHKO) Assistance Grant Program managed by the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH) under the direction of the California Workforce Development Board (WDB) and affects the Environmental Health Department Budget for FY24-25. There is no effect to the general fund in FY24-25.

**BACKGROUND:**

In June 2023, the State of California appropriated funding in accordance with Assembly Bill AB 178 – Budget Act of 2022, to assist local health departments and city code enforcement implement programs relating to Micro Enterprise Home Kitchen Operations (MEHKO) and other in-home retail food preparation and sales. California’s Micro Enterprise Home Kitchen Operations program was established by AB 626 (2018). This grant program is being administered by CCDEH under the direction of the California Workforce Development Board (WDB).

The purpose of this state-funded reimbursement grant program is to assist local (city and/or county) code enforcement agencies with costs incurred from activities related to Micro Enterprise Home Kitchen Operations (MEHKO) in accordance with Assembly Bill AB 178 – Budget Act of 2022. Based on a review of current and anticipated workload and available local funding mechanisms, this Grant is being made available to local code enforcement agencies to reimburse unrecovered expenses incurred from activities related to the enforcement of home kitchen laws and ordinances.

Under the Grant, Nevada County Environmental Health Department will receive \$50,098.51 to conduct Public Outreach to unincorporated areas and incorporated cities within jurisdiction regarding home prepared foods and MEHKO; Meetings with Stakeholder groups; Public



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Workshops/Community engagement regarding home prepared foods; and Program Development and/or Preparation of MEHKO ordinance or resolution for Board Consideration.

Acceptance of the Grant does not mean that the County must adopt an Ordinance to implement MEHKO.

**Item Initiated and Approved by:** Amy Irani, Environmental Health Director

Submittal Date: 2-12-2024

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