



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA) AND AWARD SELECTION PROCEDURES FOR “ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY RESILIENCY GRANTS” PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASING DIVISION TO ADVERTISE FOR QUALIFIED APPLICATIONS.

WHEREAS, 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 and its threat to Nevada County; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Governor of California issued a statewide order requiring all Californians to remain in at their home or place of residence, except as necessary to carry out essential activities; and

WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 public health and economic crisis throughout the country, the federal government enacted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) on March 27, 2020. Included in the \$2 trillion economic relief package, was approximately \$150 billion of Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) monies directed at States, local governments, and tribal entities for economic and disaster relief; and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2020, the Governor of California signed into law the Budget Act of 2020, which allocated an additional \$1.3 billion of State CRF monies, including \$10 million allocated to Nevada County to be distributed over six months, in equal installments; and

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2020 the Nevada County Board of Supervisors passed and adopted Resolution 20-319, approving the County’s CRF Expenditure plan which included \$1.5 million for “Macro Grants for Anchor Institutions/Organizations within the County” to support economic and community resiliency, and offset COVID-19 related economic hardships and disruptions to local businesses and nonprofits, consistent with the Certification requirements under the Budget Act of 2020, outlined above; and

WHEREAS, per the direction of the Board of Supervisors, staff consulted with members of the Nevada County Relief Fund and the Sierra Business Council to draft application criteria, guidelines, and the award process for the “Economic & Community Resiliency Grants” program, seeking grant applications from eligible entities that have a major economic and social impact on the community and are critical to maintaining the county’s economic and cultural infrastructure, and who are sometimes referred to as “anchor institutions,” entities characterized as playing a vital and enduring role in the local community; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the award selection procedures set forth in the RFA, a review committee will be convened to review the responsive applications, score each application per the criteria described in the RFA and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for final approval of awardees at a future board meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Nevada County Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California that:

1. The Request for Application (RFA) for the “Economic & Community Resiliency Grants” and award selection procedures is hereby approved in substantially the same form as attached hereto and authority is hereby given to the County Executive Officer to make any amendments or additions as are necessary to comply with all laws and guidelines; and
2. The Purchasing Division is authorized to advertise for applications from the qualified entities Countywide, and authorizes the formation of a review committee as outlined in the RFA to review the responsive applications, score each application per the criteria described in the RFA, and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for final approval of awardees at a future board meeting.