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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** May 25, 2021

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** **Jill Blake**

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving acceptance of funds from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act Response Activities for the term of May 18, 2020 through November 17, 2022 in the amount of \$1,933,215, and concurrently approving the acceptance of expansion funds in the amount of \$3,960,818 for the term of January 15, 2021 to July 31, 2023 from the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSA Act) for a total of \$5,894,033 and authorizing and directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the Public Health Department's Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/21(4/5 Affirmative Vote Required)

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** On August 11, 2020, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), allocated \$1,933,215 to the Nevada County Public Health Department and on March 2, 2021, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), allocated an additional \$3,960,818 to the Nevada County Public Health Department to support a broad range of COVID-19 testing and epidemiologic surveillance related activities. The \$1,933,215 funds are available for expenditure through November 17, 2022 and the additional \$3,960,818 funds are available for expenditure through July 31, 2023. There are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement. A budget amendment is necessary and is included in the Resolution.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act Response Activities funding is intended to provide critical resources to local health departments in support of a broad range of COVID-19 testing and epidemiological surveillance related activities. Like the work supported by Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act Response Activities funding, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSA Act) funding expands support of testing, case investigation and contact tracing, surveillance, containment, and

mitigation. Due to similarities in funding priorities, the state of California has combined the Work Plan development and reporting process for both funding allocations as they are intended to build upon each other. Allowable activities for both funding sources include:

1. Enhance laboratory, surveillance, informatics and other workforce capacity through training and hiring staff and building expertise in outbreak response and infection control and prevention
2. Improve surveillance and reporting of electronic health data
3. Use laboratory data to enhance investigation, response and prevention related to case investigations and contact tracing and implement containment measures
4. Implement prevention strategies in high-risk settings or within vulnerable populations
5. Coordinate and engage with partners to establish or enhance COVID-19 testing and enhance capacity for infection control and prevention of COVID-19

The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 allows additional flexible and spending on activities including promoting and administering COVID-19 vaccinations and providing wrap around support to cases and contacts in isolation and quarantine.

Nevada County Public Health intends to use the funding to support its communicable disease control team including case investigation and contact tracing support and health officer oversight; epidemiologist for enhancing disease surveillance; supporting testing efforts; prevention and outbreak control for vulnerable populations such as those residing in skilled nursing facilities; partnerships with community based organizations serving vulnerable populations.

We respectfully urge your support by accepting this funding to support response needs to prevent and respond to COVID-19.

**Item Initiated and Approved by:** Jill Blake, Department of Public Health Director