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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: May 28, 2024

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Ryan Gruver**

SUBJECT: Resolution accepting state and federal funds in the amount of \$1,678,028.46 for reimbursement of COVID-19 related response and recovery costs.

RECOMMENDATION: Accept the state and federal funds received by the County of Nevada stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic response and recovery.

FUNDING: County of Nevada was reimbursed by the state and FEMA \$1,678,028.46 of the \$1,723,286 in county costs claimed for the vaccination clinic, Great Plates program, and COVID response.

BACKGROUND: The origination of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in December 2019 dramatically escalated to a public health emergency of international concern in January 2020, with the United States Health and Human Services Secretary declaring a public health emergency on January 31, 2020. On March 4, 2020, the State of California declared a state of emergency, and the Nevada County Public Health Officer and Director of Emergency Services declared a local emergency and a local health emergency on March 4th and 5th, 2020, respectively. The Nevada County Board of Supervisors ratified the proclamations on March 10, 2020, with Resolution No. 20-062 and Resolution No. 20-063. The Executive Office of the President of the United States announced on January 30, 2023 its intention to extend the national emergency and public health emergency declarations to May 11, 2023. The State of California rescinded the Emergency Declaration on February 28, 2023 as did Nevada County with Resolution No. 23-0193.

Between March 2020 and February 2023, the County was actively engaged in providing resources, education, and response to protect the public health of Nevada County residents from the impacts of COVID-19. Among activities eligible for reimbursement from the State and Federal government were standing up a vaccination clinic, general response to the pandemic (COVID Response), and participating in the Great Plates Program, which provided meal delivery service to eligible constituents.



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These declarations brought in state and federal dollars to support residents and local stakeholders with recovery cost.

In 2022 & 2023 staff worked through the disbursement of funds from the state and federal reimbursement for the COVID-19 costs to the County. The claim to FEMA was for \$1,723,286 which included County response to temporary protection within its facilities, vaccination clinic costs, and administering the Great Plates program. Of the \$1,723,286 claimed \$1,678,028.46 was reimbursed, or 97%. Funds have already been received and deposited back into the appropriate County accounts. The final closeout document and Board Resolution is now required to complete these claims.

Approved by: Ryan Gruver, Health & Human Services Agency Director