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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: November 16, 2021

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Mike Dent – Housing & Community Services**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving acceptance of Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program Round 3 Funds totaling \$300,211.37 and authorizing execution of the Standard Agreement to apply between the State of California Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency's Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council and the County of Nevada to provide funding to the County to support County strategic objectives to address homelessness in the region.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached resolution.

FUNDING: Funds are from an allocation provided by the State of California Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency's ("BCSHA") Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council ("HCFC"). Funds are to be fully expended by June 30, 2026. There are no County general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: On July 19, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 140 (Committee on Budget, Chapter 3, Statutes of 2021) authorizing a third round of funding allocations from the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention ("HHAP") program and directing HCFC to administer the program. On September 15, 2021, HCFC announced the availability of new HHAP grant funding allocating \$1 billion in Fiscal year 21-22 to Counties, Continuum of Care ("CoC") organizations and Large City jurisdictions in block grants designed to support regional coordination and expand or develop local capacity to address immediate homelessness challenges throughout the state.

AB 140 includes substantial amendments to regulations governing previous rounds of HHAP funding:

- Government jurisdictions and CoC’s can either apply separately or apply jointly with one entity being designated to assume the role of the “administrative entity” for both the jurisdiction’s allocation and the CoC’s allocation.
- Unlike past rounds of HHAP, HCFC made immediately available 25% of the total allocation.
- In order to apply for the remaining 75% of funds, by June 30, 2022 all applicants applying separately or jointly are required to approve a “Local Homeless Action Plan.” The plan must (1) include all statutorily required elements (Health and Safety Code 50220.7 Section B); (2) the public must be provided notice that the plan will be presented to the governing board, allowed to provide feedback and provide comments during the public hearing; (3) the plan must be approved by the governing board; and (4) HCFC must approve the final plan.

On September 27, 2021, the Governing Board of the CoC CA-531 elected to delegate the role of administrative entity to the County and approved the County to apply jointly for HHAP Round 3 funding. County Housing and Community Services (“HCS”) staff informed HCFC of this intent and the intent to accept the 25% initial disbursement of HHAP Round 3 funds totaling \$300,211.37. HCS staff, working with other County departments and CoC partners have begun to draft a local homeless action plan. HCS staff will coordinated all necessary steps to bring the required homeless action plan back to the Board for public comment and approval at a later date, and will again return to the Board to accept the remaining 75% of HHAP funds, totaling \$1,200,845.48 as soon as the plan is approved by HCFC.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Agreement, as it will provide funding assistance to address critical needs in line with strategic objectives to address homelessness in Nevada County.

Item Initiated by:
Approved by:

Brendan Phillips, Program Manager
Mike Dent, Director – Housing and Community Services