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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING February 23 2021

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Mike Dent**

SUBJECT: Resolution accepting funding award from the California Department Housing and Community Development's Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) program in the amount of \$520,692 for Fiscal Year 20/21 to be used for housing related projects, upon acceptance and Authorizing and Directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the Health and Human Services Agency Housing and Community Services Division's Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/21. (4/5 vote required)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: PLHA grants are state funded formula grants established by the 2017 Building Homes and Jobs Act (SB2). A budget amendment for the 2020-2021 Housing and Community Services budget is included in this resolution. There are no County general fund dollars required in the Agreements.

BACKGROUND: In 2017, the State Legislature passed, and the Governor signed, the Building Homes and Jobs Act (SB2) establishing a \$75.00 local recording fee on real estate documents to create a permanent ongoing source to local governments for housing-related projects and programs that assist in addressing the unmet housing needs in local communities. These funds are deposited into the State Treasury's Building Homes and Jobs Trust fund and, under statute, are distributed to local governments using a formula allocation.

The Fiscal Year 19-20 Notice of Funding Availability authorizes approximately \$195,000,000 to be distributed to local governments out of the Trust fund to be used for eligible activities as outlined in the program guidelines. Under the formula allocation, Nevada County is to set to receive an estimated \$306,319 per year beginning in FY 20-21. Program Guidelines for the PLHA program stipulate the submitted application shall have a term of 5 years with local governments

required to obtain approval from Department of Housing and Community Development (“HCD”) to amend the plan during the 5-year term.

Under PLHA program guidelines, a local government can delegate to another local government the authority to submit an application and administer on its behalf its formula allocation of program funds, provided that the local governments enter into a legally binding agreement and the funds are expended for eligible activities and consistent with program requirements. This Board approved Resolution 20-316 authorizing an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Nevada County, Grass Valley and Nevada City wherein both Cities agreed to delegate their PLHA allocations to the County and to support activities for use of the funds in line with the PLHA plan adopted by this Board (Res. 20-315) and submitted to the state for approval.

On October 21 2020, HHSA received a notice of funding award for PLHA funds including award of delegated funds. These funds will support the development of a regional housing trust fund administered by the County to provide funding to eligible housing projects in the region. A portion of funds can also be used to support emergency shelter and navigation programs.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Mike Dent, Director, Child Support, Collections,
Housing and Community Services