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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: April 14, 2020

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Jill Blake**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving acceptance of funds from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Emergency Preparedness Office (EPO) for COVID-19 Crisis Response Funding for the term of March 5, 2020 through March 15, 2021 in the maximum amount of \$217,144.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: On March 20, 2020, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Emergency Preparedness Office (EPO) allocated to the Nevada County Public Health Department \$217,144 to support response needs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. These funds will be received in one lump sum and are available for expenditure through March 15, 2021.

BACKGROUND:

Nevada County Public Health works diligently to prevent and reduce community exposure to dangerous and potentially deadly illnesses within our jurisdiction, including over 80 reportable conditions. Local health departments in California, including ours, play a unique and critical role in outbreak investigations and disease control in order to protect our residents' health and safety, a responsibility for which no other entity is accountable.

To carry out this work, Nevada County Public Health employs a variety of intensive strategies, including, but not limited to, targeted outreach and education to at-risk communities and health care providers, disease investigation and contact tracing, and epidemiological surveillance. However, we do not have adequate funding to fulfill our unique mandate in preventing and controlling infectious diseases within our jurisdiction. State and federal funding for communicable disease control activities have declined significantly over time and are largely siloed based on disease-specific conditions. This funding for COVID-19 emergency response and support becomes available at a critical time.

These funds will help support Public Health Department needs associated with COVID-19 emergency response in the following categories: Incident Management for Early Crisis Response; Jurisdictional Recovery; Information Management; Countermeasures and Mitigation; Surge Management; and Biosurveillance.

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

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