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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: May 12, 2020

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Jill Blake**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving Grant Agreement Number 19-10866 with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Division of Communicable Disease Control (DCDC) for one-time funding to address infectious disease prevention and control in the maximum amount of \$165,125.61 for the term of February 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023 and directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the Health and Human Services Agency Public Health Department's Budget for Fiscal Year 2019/20. (4/5THS VOTE REQUIRED)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: This agreement provides one-time State funds through the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Division of Communicable Disease Control (DCDC) for local public health infrastructure to address infectious disease prevention and control. A budget amendment is required for FY 19/20 and is included with this item (4/5 vote required). There are no County General Fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: Local Health Jurisdictions (LHJ) banded together to support a State budget request for funding to support public health infrastructure to address infectious disease prevention and control. In response, funds were included in the State's FY 19-20 budget and have been allocated to local health jurisdictions. CDPH has limited the use of these funds to specific activities and it has disallowed supplanting funds.

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 so this funding becomes available at a critical time.

These funds will help support additional communicable disease investigation activities including disease surveillance and documentation, monitoring and evaluation of disease-specific prevention activities, and surge activities in response to local outbreak.

We respectfully urge your support by accepting this funding to improve local health department infrastructure to prevent and control the spread of infectious diseases, particularly within our jurisdiction.

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