



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AWARD OF \$1,500,000 IN “ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY RESILIENCY GRANTS” FUNDED BY THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH AWARDEES

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors passed and adopted Resolutions 20-062, ratifying the declaration of a local health emergency in Nevada County, and 20-063, proclaiming a local emergency in Nevada County, due to rapid spread of COVID-19 in a growing number of countries, including the United States, and the potential introduction of COVID-19 in the County of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Governor of California issued a statewide Executive Order, N-33-20, which required Californians to remain at their home or place of residence, except as necessary to carry out essential activities and to heed State Public Health Officer Directives; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the President of the United States signed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), which included allocations of Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) monies totaling \$150 billion to States, Tribal governments, and certain eligible local governments with more than 500,000 residents for necessary expenditures with respect to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2020, the Governor of the State of California signed into law the Budget Act of 2020, which included additional and subsequent allocations of State-received CRF monies in the amount of \$1.3 billion, including \$10,004,000 to the County of Nevada (CRF Allocation); and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2020, the County Executive Officer or her designee, completed the Certification for Receipt of Funds pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Control Section 11.90 of the Budget Act of 2020 including that CRF funds would be expended following certain State and Federal requirements; and

WHEREAS, the certification requirements include those stated in subdivision (d) of Control section 11.90 of the Budget act of 2020 that CRF monies be used to cover only those costs that (1) are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19; (2) were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020, for the State or local government; and (3) were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the certification requirements also include as condition of receipt of funds: adherence to federal and state health guidance and orders; use of funds as stated in section 11.90 of the Budget Act of 2020; submission to the State of various reports on expenditures and return of unspent funds; and retention of records to support eligible expenses; and

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2020, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors passed and adopted Resolution 20-319, approving the County of Nevada CRF Expenditure Plan, including \$3 million dollars of expenditures for economic and community resilience investments to assist businesses, non-profits and anchor organizations to support critical economic infrastructure and assist the most vulnerable residents and businesses of the County; and

WHEREAS, of the \$3 million in community resilience investments approved in the County of Nevada CRF Expenditure Plan, an allocation of \$1.5 million was designated for “Macro Grants for Anchor Institutions/Organizations within the County” to support economic and community resiliency, and offset COVID-19 related economic hardships and disruptions to local businesses and nonprofits, consistent with the Certification requirements under the Budget Act of 2020, outlined above; and

WHEREAS, per the direction of the Board of Supervisors, staff consulted with members of the Nevada County Relief Fund and the Sierra Business Council to draft application criteria, guidelines, and the award process for the “Economic & Community Resiliency Grants” program, seeking grant applications from eligible entities that have a major economic and social impact on the community and are critical to maintaining the county’s economic and cultural infrastructure, and who are sometimes referred to as “anchor institutions,” entities characterized as playing a vital and enduring role in the local community; and

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2020, the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 20-348 authorizing the Purchasing Division to advertise for applications and form an evaluation panel to review and score each application and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for final approval of awardees; and

WHEREAS, 26 eligible applications were received totaling \$4,692,720 in requests; and

WHEREAS, a seven member evaluation panel (Panel), consisting of five community partners and two county staff, met three times to review and score applications; and

WHEREAS, the Panel identified seven applications for recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for final approval and award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, that:

1. The evaluation panel’s recommendations to award \$1.5 Million “Economic & Community Resiliency Grants” are hereby approved as follows:
 - a. Town of Truckee, Local Jurisdiction, \$400,000 to fund an outdoor “Winter Wonderland” space to support downtown Truckee businesses impacted by business interruption caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency;
 - b. Center for the Arts, Nonprofit, \$400,000 to offset the costs of business interruption caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency and to fund operating expenses necessary to sustain the venue until it can safely produce live events for community audiences, and produce new broadcast events, education and outreach programs;
 - c. Miners Foundry, Nonprofit, \$290,000 to offset the costs of business interruption caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency and to fund operating expenses necessary to sustain the venue until it can safely produce live cultural and community events, and develop new revenue streams from its new café and patio bar with live outdoor events;

- d. Sierra Theaters, Business, \$150,000 to offset the costs of business interruption caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency and to fund basic operating expenses (essential staff, leases, and HVAC improvements) needed to retain the Del Oro Theatre and reopen safely;
- e. Sierra Community House, Nonprofit, \$100,000 to fund staffing, technology, and rental support for necessary safety-net services (food and housing) to vulnerable populations impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency;
- f. The Food Bank of Nevada County, Nonprofit, \$100,000 to fund unanticipated operating costs due to the increased demand for necessary food delivery services caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency, including staffing, food storage rentals, and supplies;
- g. South Yuba River Citizens League, Nonprofit, \$60,000 to offset the costs of business interruption caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency and to fund the installation of two vault toilets at Purdon Crossing to address sanitation concerns on the South Yuba River due to increased visitation resulting from limited recreational opportunities caused by COVID-19;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to execute the grant agreements on behalf of the County of Nevada for the “Economic & Community Resiliency Grants,” which are hereby approved in substantially the same form as attached hereto.