



# COUNTY OF NEVADA HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** April 13, 2021

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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

**SUBJECT:** A Resolution approving an application for funding and the execution of a grant agreement and any amendments thereto from the 2020 Community Development Block Grant Program- Coronavirus Response Round 2 and 3 (CDBG-CV2 and CV3) NOFA dated December 18, 2020.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached resolution.

**FUNDING:** This is a federal grant application for up to \$935,690 requiring no General Fund local cash match with no use of program income anticipated at this time. There is no impact on the General Fund. If the grant is awarded, the Director of Health and Human Services or designee will sign the grant agreement and subsequently return to the Board of Supervisors to provide an information update, and a budget amendment will be included in the County wide budget amendment following receipt of the executed grant agreement.

**BACKGROUND:** The California Department of Housing and Community Development (“HCD”) announced the availability of approximately \$131.3 million in funding for the Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) Coronavirus Response Round 2 and 3 (“CDBG- CV2 and CV3”) funding for local assistance.

CDBG-CV2 and CV3 funding is made available pursuant to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (“CARES”) Act. The maximum available for Nevada County is \$935,690. These grant funds must benefit persons in the Low-Moderate (Low-Mod) income group and be directly related to the COVID 19 pandemic. Low-Mod is defined as households whose income does not exceed 80% of the county’s median income, adjusted by family size. Further HCD has limited the projects that can be funded under CV2 and CV3 to those funded under CV1 along with two new projects/programs. The County’s completed grant application is to be submitted to HCD no later than May 7, 2021.

A public meeting was held in accordance with CDBG noticing requirements on December 18, 2020, at 2 PM. The meeting was attended by members of the community with all proposals and comments accepted. These proposals were reviewed and evaluated for program eligibility, community need and impact along with alignment with State guidelines and priorities. Additionally, HCD request that the Director of the Agency or designee be provided with the authority to accept the award. HCD's perspective is that this will streamline the award process and avoid additional reviews particularly by their legal department.

Under the CDBG-CV2 & CV3 NOFA, funds are available to jurisdictions to complete the rehabilitation of properties purchased under a Project Homekey award. Nevada County received Homekey funding which provided for the purchase of the Coach N Four Motel and the rehabilitation of a small portion of the rooms. Project Homekey requires that the remainder of the facility be converted into permanent housing units. The Health and Human Services Agency/Housing Division, on behalf of Nevada County, is seeking approval to apply for \$700,000 in CDBG-CV2 and CV3 funds to complete the rehabilitation of the Coach N Four Motel to permanent housing units.

The Board of Supervisors is requested to authorize the submittal of an CDBG-CV2 and CV3 application in accordance with HCD's requested procedure as outlined above. Upon the Board's approval, the Health and Human Services Agency Director shall be authorized to sign the grant application and all documents that support the application. If awarded, the Health and Human Services Agency Director shall be authorized to sign the above referenced CDBG standard agreement and all documents related to the award. The Director of Health and Human Services or designee, will forward the award contract to the Auditor Controller and County Counsel for review prior to signing the agreement. The Director of Health and Human Services or designee, will return to the Board of Supervisors to provide an informational update should the application be approved. An additional resolution is before the Board to amend the CDBG-CV1 application to include the remaining CV2 and CV3 funds allocation.

**Item Initiated and Approved by:** Mike Dent, Director – Housing and Community Services