



MEMORANDUM
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE AGENCY
ADMINISTRATION
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors DATE: February 16, 2021

FROM: Steve Pedretti, Director, Community Development Resource Agency

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SUBJECT: Community Development Block Grant Business Assistance Funding Application

ACTIONS REQUESTED

1. Conduct a public hearing and adopt a resolution to submit a Community Development Block Grant Business Assistance Funding Application for additional funding in an amount of \$1,390,690 for the County's Business Assistance Loan Program and a Microenterprise Loan Program.
2. Approve the execution of the application to the Community Development Block Grant Program and authorize the Agency Director or designee to sign required documentation and any amendments thereto.

BACKGROUND

On January 21, 2020, Housing and Community Development (HCD) issued a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for its economic development activities with an open deadline until March 5, 2021 and funds awarded on a first-come first-served basis until all funds are expended. On December 18, 2020, HCD issued CDBG-CV2 & CV3 NOFA for funding provided under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act signed into law March 27, 2020.

The Board previously authorized the submission of a CDBG application for \$882,171 on July 28, 2020 for purposes of establishing a business loan assistance program and a microenterprise loan program. The County's application was subsequently approved by HCD. This proposed action is to submit a second application for an additional \$1,390,690 for which the County is eligible to supplement the previous award from the CDBG-CV1 Funding round. The additional funding would be used to establish Business Assistance Loans and Microenterprise Loans.

As part of the decision to apply for these funds; County Staff conducted a Virtual Webinar on February 10, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. to solicit public input on the proposed grant application.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

The Activities are Exempt per 24 CFR 58.34(a):(2) Financial Services, (3) Administrative and Management Activities and (9) Technical Assistance.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

The proposed filing for an application for grant funds to use for housing rehabilitation, water system improvements, and studies is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378, and is exempt under Sections 15301, 15302 and 15262.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is a County match of up to \$85,000 for the CDBG-CV2 & CV3 NOFA that will be matched with CDBG Program Income. If the department is successful in this grant application, the appropriate funding amount will be budgeted in the respective Department's FY budget(s).

ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1: Resolution

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RESOLUTION NO.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer as follows:

SECTION 1:

The County Board of Supervisors has reviewed and hereby approves the submission to the State of California of one or more application(s) in the aggregate amount, not to exceed, of \$ 1,390,690 for the following CDBG-CV2 and CV3 activities pursuant to the December 2020 CDBG-CV2/3 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA):

List activities and amount:

Economic Development – Business Assistance Loan Program	\$695,345
Economic Development – Microenterprise Assistance Program	\$695,345

SECTION 2:

The County hereby approves the use of Program Income in an amount not to exceed \$85,000 for the CDBG-CV2 and CV3 activities described in Section 1.

SECTION 3:

The County acknowledges compliance with all state and federal public participation requirements in the development of its application(s).

SECTION 4:

The County hereby authorizes and directs the Community Development Resource Agency Director, or designee*, to execute and deliver all applications and act on the County's behalf in all matters pertaining to all such applications.

SECTION 5:

If an application is approved, the Community Development Resource Agency Director, or designee*, is authorized to enter into, execute and deliver the grant agreement (i.e., Standard Agreement) and any and all subsequent amendments thereto with the State of California for the purposes of the grant.

SECTION 6:

If an application is approved, the Community Development Resource Agency Director, or designee, is authorized to sign and submit Funds Requests and all required reporting forms and other documentation as may be required by the State of California from time to time in connection with the grant.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer held on February 16, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

Name and Title

Board of Supervisors

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

County of Placer

I, _____, County Clerk of the County of Placer, State of California, hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Board of Supervisors on this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Name, County Clerk of the County of Placer, State of California

By: _____
Name and Title

