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RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2021-107

MEETING: March 2, 2021

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Dallin Kimble, County Administrative Officer

MINUTE ORDER ATTACHED

RE: Community Development Block Grant CARES Act Set Aside Funds (CV-1,2 & 3)

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Adopt a Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Submission of an Application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding for Mariposa County to Participate in a Business Relief Grant Program in an Amount Not to Exceed \$497,645; Approve a Grant Agreement and Any and All Subsequent Amendments Thereto with the State of California for the Purposes of the Grant. Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Grant Agreement and Any and All Subsequent Amendments Thereto with the State of California for the Purposes of the Grant (Subject to Approval as to Legal Form by County Counsel); and Authorize the County Administrative Officer to Accept the Award and Implement a Business Relief Grant Program.

Mariposa County is eligible to receive \$497,645 in CARES Act funding that has been set aside for our use through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Federal guidelines state that it can be used for, "Expenditures related to the provision of grants to small businesses to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by required closures." Approval of this application would allow staff to secure these funds for a second round of need-based business relief grants.

Since March 2020, local small businesses have been significantly impacted by COVID-19 and, in particular, the safety measures necessary to prevent the spread of the virus. In immediate response to the economic crisis, Congress passed the CARES Act stimulus package, including funding for small businesses, on March 25, 2020.

Several other small business relief programs have been made available over the last twelve month at federal, state and local levels. While these programs have been helpful, businesses have not always been supported equally. The most recent state program, for example, awarded less than six percent of applicants in the first round and only seven Mariposa County businesses.

Locally, the Mariposa Community Foundation awarded grants to three non-profit organizations. Mariposa County awarded nearly \$400,000 in COVID relief and grants to 45 businesses and \$77,000 in mitigation reimbursements in November 2020. We

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also have a forgivable loan program in place, the Safety and Freedom Enhancement (SAFE) grant, to offset COVID-related expenses incurred after the prior grant was awarded. The SAFE program is open and has accepted more than 10 grant applications to date. Funding for the SAFE program cannot exceed \$78,000.

Staff is now recommending approval of this application to direct CARES/CDBG funds to additional, need-based business relief grants with a Tier 1 \$15,000 maximum and Tier 2 and 3 awards based on net revenue loss. Net revenue loss is calculated as the change in revenue, including other business relief received to date, less the change in expenditures. Distribution will be as follows:

Tier 1 = Net Revenue Loss greater than \$30,000 and more than 20%

Tier 2 = Net Revenue Loss between \$20,000-\$29,999 and more than 10%

Tier 3 = Net Revenue Loss between \$10,000-\$19,999 and more than 10%

Applicants will be required to include and document any financial assistance received. Financial aid will be calculated into the 2020/21 net profit loss.

Using the same model as the previous grant program, the grants will be awarded approximately 2 weeks after the application deadline, with 3 monthly disbursement checks, equally dividing the total grant amount. Disbursement will depend on continued compliance with state and local health officer orders, as required by the funding source for this award.

The grant award program, if approved, will use the same application and approval process as occurred in October, including partnering with the Mariposa Economic Development Council to review applications.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

July 7, 2020 - BOS approved a Resolution to Approve Conditions and Sign Certifications for CARES and Realignment Backfill Funding

October 20, 2020 - BOS approved \$400,000 in Business Economic Recovery Grants and \$200,000 in COVID Expense Reimbursement Grants, and approved application and the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) of Mariposa County be the team to review applications and recommend grant awards.

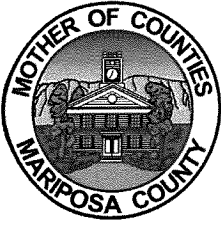
November 17, 2020 - BOS received Presentation on Small Business Grants and Determine What to Do with Remaining Funds

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The County would forgo this grant opportunity and staff would explore other grant opportunities to assist Mariposa County's small businesses. All unused funds will be redistributed to other jurisdictions.

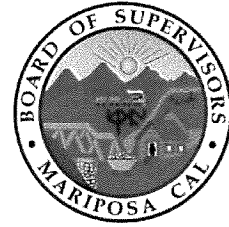
FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This is an opportunity to apply for \$497,645 CDBG funds that were allocated by the CARES ACT. The funds will benefit Mariposa County's low and moderate



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income residents. There is no match required. Mariposa County has ultimate fiscal responsibility for these activities.

ATTACHMENTS:

board memo for CV Business Relief Grant Program (PDF)
Grant Application for submission of Mpsa County (PDF)
business relief grant program outline and application for public (PDF)
business relief application2 for public (PDF)
Mariposa County BoS Resolution_CV2 and 3 (PDF)
PUBLIC INPUT - Webform submission from Katherine Ogilvie (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Wayne Forsythe, District IV Supervisor

SECONDER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor

AYES: Smallcombe, Sweeney, Long, Forsythe, Menetrey



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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTE ORDER

TO: DALLIN KIMBLE/County Administrative Officer

FROM: RENÉ LaROCHE/Clerk of the Board *RL*

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The following action was taken by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors on **March 2, 2021**:

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Dallin Kimble introduced Tara Schiff/Economic Development Specialist who gave a PowerPoint presentation. Clarification was sought by Board members regarding amounts, timelines, compliance, level of confidence that CDBG will allocate funds rapidly, and staff outreach efforts. Support for the item was expressed during public comment by Heléne Halcrow/bed and breakfast, Nate Pyle/Grovehouse owner, owner spoke in support of the item and extended kudos to Ms. Schiff for all of her efforts, Kim Costa/Costalivos, and Hanna Wackerman/1850 Restaurant. Heléne Halcrow also noted that business owners can receive unemployment benefits through the CARES

Act of 2020, and suggested the creation of a banner to be downloaded from the County website that would detail what the business is doing to comply with health orders. Public comment closed. Board discussion ensued regarding the website banner idea, what outreach was being done on the state and federal levels regarding the problems with CDBG, and whether Townsend and Associates will be moving on that issue.

CORRECTION: *Change the not to exceed amount from \$497,645 to \$499,365.*

RESULT: **ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: Wayne Forsythe, District IV Supervisor

SECONDER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor

AYES: Smallcombe, Sweeney, Long, Forsythe, Menetrey

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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 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$499,358

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

SECTION 1:

The County Board of Supervisors has reviewed and hereby approves the submission to the State of California of an application in the aggregate amount, not to exceed **\$499,358** for the following CDBG-CV2 and CV3 activities pursuant to the December 2020 CDBG-CV2/3 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA):

- Business Relief Grants

General Administration costs associated with the activity as a not to exceed \$37,452.

Economic Development – Business Assistance	\$499,358
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SECTION 2:

The County of Mariposa hereby approves the use of Program Income in an amount not to exceed **\$499,358** for the CDBG-CV2 and CV3 activities described in Section 1.

SECTION 3:

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

SECTION 4:

The County of Mariposa hereby authorizes and directs the Board Chair, 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 Board Chair, 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 Board Chair, 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.

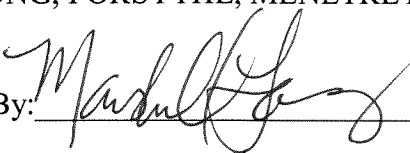
* Important Note: If the designee is signing any application, agreement, or any other document on behalf of the designated official of the County, written proof of designee authority to sign on behalf of such designated official must be included with the Resolution, otherwise the Resolution will be deemed deficient and rejected. Additionally, do not add limitations or conditions on the ability of the signatory or signatories to sign documents, or the Resolution may not be accepted. If more than one party's approval is required, list them as a signatory. The only exception is for county counsel or city attorney to approve as to form or legality or both, IF such approval is already part of the standard county signature block as evidenced by the signed Resolution itself. Inclusions of additional limitations or conditions on the authority of the signer will result in the Resolution being rejected and will require your entity to issue a corrected Resolution prior to the Department issuing a Standard Agreement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the **County Board of Supervisors** of the **County** of Mariposa held on March 2, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES: SMALLCOMBE, SWEENEY, LONG, FORSYTHE, MENETREY

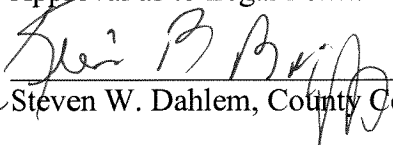
NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

By: 

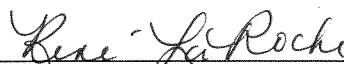
Marshall Long, Board Chair
Board of Supervisors

Approval as to Legal Form:


for Steven W. Dahlem, County Counsel

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
County of Mariposa County

I, Rene LaRoche, County Clerk of the Board of the County of Mariposa, 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 Second, day of March, 2021.



Rene LaRoche, Mariposa County Clerk of the Board of
Mariposa County, State of California

By: _____
Rene LaRoche, Clerk of the Board

(Note: The attesting officer cannot be the person identified in the Resolution as the authorized signer.