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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 22, 2021

DATE: April 19, 2021

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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THROUGH: Christine Vuletich, Assistant County Manager

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve a grant award of \$60,137 received by Washoe County as program income from closed Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) to the Community Foundation of Northern Nevada for the Washoe County Affordable Housing Trust Fund and approve Resolution necessary for same. (All Commission Districts.)
FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

The Washoe County Affordable Housing Trust Fund was established by the Board of County Commissioners to receive monies from various sources to be used to facilitate the supply of housing affordable to households of low income. Funds in the amount of \$60,137 have been received by Washoe County as program income from closed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and are available to support affordable housing. All grant awards to other entities must be approved through a resolution approved by the Board of County Commissioners per NRS 244.1505.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Vulnerable Populations.

PREVIOUS ACTION

May 25, 2021, the Washoe County Board of Commissioners approved a fund agreement with the Community Foundation of Northern Nevada to enable acceptance of funds for the Washoe County Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

On March 26, 2019, the Washoe County Board of Commissioners adopted an ordinance establishing the Washoe County Affordable Housing Trust Fund and provided that the fund will receive monies from various sources to be used consistent with a later Board-approved plan to facilitate the supply of housing affordable to households of low income.

On February 26, 2019, Board introduced and conducted a first reading of an ordinance establishing the Washoe County Affordable Housing Trust Fund and providing that the fund will receive monies from various sources to be used consistent with a later

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publically-approved plan to facilitate the supply of housing affordable to households of low income. The Board set the public hearing date of March 26, 2019.

At the November 27, 2018, Board of County Commissioners meeting, the Board gave direction on the elements to be included in the first reading of the ordinance to come back in February 2019.

April 13, 2010, Board of County Commissioners accepted Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program income received by Washoe County through repayment of CDBG housing rehabilitation projects in the amount of \$31,198 and approve the use of these funds to support the Heppner Well Abandonment and Community Water Service Connection housing rehabilitation project as needed not to exceed \$31,198.

January 13, 2009, Board of County Commissioners accepted Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program income received by Washoe County through repayment of CDBG housing rehabilitation projects in the amount of \$76,784.40 and approve the use of these funds to support the current CDBG housing rehabilitation project Heppner Well Abandonment and Community Water Service Connection grant.

BACKGROUND

In the early 1980's Washoe County implemented a housing rehabilitation program to assist low-income homeowners. The program was supported using Community Development Block Grant funds. Each homeowner that received a housing rehabilitation grant entered a deed of trust with Washoe County. The deed of trust required repayment of the grant funds upon the transfer of the property. A number of these transfers have occurred resulting in program income that may be used for other activities that meet CDBG national objectives.

The Washoe County Affordable Housing Trust Fund was established by the Board of County Commissioners to receive monies from various sources to be used to facilitate the supply of housing affordable to households of low income. Funds in the amount of \$60,137 have been received by Washoe County as program income from closed Community Development Block Grant housing rehabilitation loans (CDBG).

Program income received after closeout may be used for activities that meet one of the national objectives of the CDBG program. The Washoe County Affordable Housing Trust Fund benefits low to moderate income persons and meets a CDBG national objective.

FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient FY21 Budget Authority exists within the Other Restricted Fund (F270) and available cash exists within Internal Order #10521 - CDBG Housing Rehab Loan Repay.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Board of County Commissioners to approve a grant award of \$60,137 received by Washoe County as program income from closed Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) to the Community Foundation of Northern Nevada

for the Washoe County Affordable Housing Trust Fund and approve Resolution necessary for same.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be:

“Move to approve a grant award of \$60,137 received by Washoe County as program income from closed Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) to the Community Foundation of Northern Nevada for the Washoe County Affordable Housing Trust Fund and approve Resolution necessary for same.”