The County of Yuba
Community Development and Services Agency

TO:                           Board of Supervisors
FROM:                        Community Development and Services Agency, Kevin Perkins
SUBJECT:                     Community Development and Services Agency: Adopt resolution authoring the Community Development and Services Director to apply for and receive PLHA grant funds.
DATE:                        August 11, 2020
NUMBER:                      401/2020

Recommendation
Adopt the attached resolution authorizing Yuba County Community Development and Services Agency to apply for and receive PLHA Grant funds.

Background/Discussion
In 2017, Governor Brown signed 15-bill housing package aimed at addressing the state’s housing shortage and high housing costs. Specifically, it included the Building Homes and Jobs Act (SB 2), which established a $75 recording fee on recorded real estate documents. Funding secured by SB 2 created the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Grant which is intended to provide a permanent, on-going source of funding to local governments for housing related projects and programs that assist in addressing the unmet housing needs of local governments.

On February 26, 2020, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) authoring HCD to provide $195 million under the PLHA Grant. The PLHA NOFA covers a 5-year period of time. Yuba County’s expected 5-year funding allocation is $1,634,265 and this funding will be provided to the County in roughly $325,000 annual payments. As part of the PLHA Grant application, each jurisdiction is required to submit a resolution from either their City Council or Board of Supervisors authorizing a department to apply for the PLHA NOFA.

Yuba County CDSA plans to utilize the PLHA funding to create a CDSA program similar in nature to the former Neighbourhood Stabilization Program (NSP) where CDSA acquires properties, rehabilitates or constructs new housing and sells these properties as affordable housing. Unlike the NSP program where the County was required to purchase foreclosed housing, the PLHA funding will allow CDSA to
purchase all fair market value properties including vacant lots. CDSA would initially plan to target properties that have had an abatement action performed on the property by Code Enforcement.

Committee Action
Due to time constraints, this item is being presented directly to the full Board for consideration. The PLHA grant application resolution is due by August 27, 2020.

Budget
General Fund - None
Non-General Fund- None

Attachments
PLHA Grant Resolution