

The County of Yuba

Community Development and Services Agency



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Community Development and Services Agency, Karma Ferguson

SUBJECT: Community Development and Services Agency: Adopt resolution authorizing application submittal to the CA State Department of Housing and Community Development for a funding allocation under the CDBG Mitigation Program. (Five minute estimate)

DATE: May 9, 2023

NUMBER: 178/2023

Recommendation

Adopt Resolution authorizing an application the California State Department of Housing and Community Development for a funding allocation under the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Program (CDBG, pursuant to the December 2021 MIT PPS Notice of Funding Available (NOFA) in the amount up to \$250,000 for the Foothill Audible Alarm System Planning Study.

Background

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (the "Department" or "HCD") issued a Notice of Funding Availability ("NOFA") for the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Program ("CDBG-MIT"), made available from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"). Funding under this NOFA is in response to the disaster events of 2017, HCD dedicated \$22,440,000 of the CDBG-MIT funds to create the Resilient Planning and Public Services Program to fund eligible jurisdictions and non-profit entities to create projects to address risks to, or across, community lifelines that support human health and safety and provide mitigation for individual and community-based systems.

Your Board previously authorized an application, to the California State Department of Housing and Community Development for a funding allocation under the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Program (CDBG-MIT) on February 9, 2021 by Resolution No: 2021-02, for the following CDBG-MITIGATION project.

Mitigation Public Service-Audible Fire Alarm/Siren Network, up to \$500,000.00

The original Audible Fire Alarm/Siren Network project encountered numerous obstacles, prior to project implementation; therefore, it was determined not to be in the County’s best interest to pursue implementation of project. However, it is not advantageous for the County to dismember the entire project allocation, as this will hinder the County’s ability to remain competitive in the CDBG application process, due to point deductions on future application scoring.

HCD recommends, converting the Audible Fire Alarm Project into a Planning Study, by submitting a new resolution and amended application. This procedure will allow the County to maintain its current standing with HCD, and remain competitive in future application scoring. CDSA seeks to adhere to HCD’s recommendation and submit a new application for the following Planning Study:

Mitigation Planning – Foothill Audible Alarm System Planning Study, up to \$250,000.00

A comprehensive Audible Alarm System report, will facilitate coordination with the Office of Emergency Services (OES), for a future Audible Alarm System project, which will offer enhanced expertise to the education, preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation of fire disasters in the Sierra Foothills.

Committee Action:

Due to time constraints, this item is being presented directly to the full Board for consideration. Standard Agreement was issued on 7/31/2022, and the additional application process does not allow for an extension to the original agreement term.

Fiscal Impact:

Budget -	Utilize existing Board Approved FY 2022-23 Budget Appropriation within the same categories. Budget adjustment included for FY 2023/2024
General Fund –	None
Non-General Funds –	\$250,000
Source of Funds -	Community Development Block Grant Mitigation allocation