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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo**

MEETING DATE: July 26, 2022

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rachel Peña

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a revenue Standard Agreement Number 22XS0007 with the California Department of Veterans Affairs for Veteran Mental Health Outreach Services in the maximum amount of \$98,000 for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The State allotted Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prop 63 to the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA) to enhance the effectiveness of referrals to County Veteran Service Offices (CVSO) for veterans who present with mental health issues. Under this agreement, Nevada County is being awarded \$98,000 for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024 to help improve the mental health and well-being of veterans in the community. Receipt of funding was anticipated and included in the FY 22/23 budget. There are no county general fund requirements for this agreement.

BACKGROUND: The CDVA Prop 63 is now an annual competitive grant. Nevada County was one of the recipients of this grant for FY 2015-2016 and FY 2018-2022, and has been awarded funding again pursuant to this Agreement for FYs 2022-2024. Nevada County Veterans Service Office will once again contract with Welcome Home Vets to perform mental health outreach throughout the county and will provide therapy to veterans and their family members. Through partnership with multiple divisions of Nevada County Department of Social Services (DSS), Nevada County Department of Behavioral Health, Nevada County Court System, a host of non-profits and local

hospitals, the Veterans Outreach Program will continue to connect veterans to the appropriate services for support and treatment.

It is recommended that the board approve this Agreement as the funds received will help support programs that improve early identification of PTSD and other stress reactions and improve access to treatment which will lessen the severity of veterans' functional impairment and improve overall health.

Item Initiated by: David West, Veterans' Services Officer

Approved by: Rachel Peña, Director of Social Services