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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: February 7, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Phebe Bell**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving an award of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for \$750,000 to fund the existing agreement Behavioral Health Department has with Turning Point Community Programs to purchase Assessor's Parcel Number 025-232-025-000 located at 16573 Auburn Road, Grass Valley, CA and Authorizing the Auditor Controller to amend ARPA fiscal year 2022/23 budget and release fund balance. (4/5 Affirmative Vote Required)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution

FUNDING: Request to award ARPA funds to fund the existing agreement Behavioral Health Department has with Turning Point Community Programs for acquisition of a permanent location for Respite Services. County will wire funds directly to escrow. No County general funds are required.

BACKGROUND: The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (H.R. 1319) is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus package passed by Congress and signed by President Joseph Biden on March 11, 2021 in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and associated economic challenges. H.R. 1319 included \$350 billion in State and Local Aid, which included \$65.1 billion in direct funding to counties. Based on US Treasury allocations, Nevada County has been allocated \$19,376,239 in funding. The first installment of funds in the amount of

\$9,688,119.50 was received on June 10, 2020 and the remaining \$9,688,119.50 was received on July 26, 2022. The deadline to obligate all funds is December 31, 2024.

On April 27, 2021, staff brought a preliminary ARPA Expenditure Plan to the Board for direction. The plan included a recommendation to allocate 30% of ARPA funds (\$5.8M) to community and economic resiliency projects, and 70% (\$13.6M) for COVID-19 related county costs and revenue loss. At the April 27, 2021 Board meeting, comment was provided, and the plan was accepted as presented.

Occasionally, certain ARPA Expenditure Plan projects will need to have budget established or adjusted for accounting purposes. As stated in the staff letter for Resolution 22-625 that established budgets for some projects, there are other planned projects and these budget would likely be established through individual resolutions as the projects progress. This proposed Resolution represents that individual request to establish the budget for the previously reviewed Insight Respite Center – Facility Purchase. It does not represent deviation from the approved ARPA Expenditure Plan, nor the nature of the approved projects.

On June 28, 2022 per Resolution 22-310, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors executed a contract with Turning Point Community Programs, Inc. to continue to provide Adult Assertive Community Treatment (AACT) Program Services as a Full-Service Partnership (FSP) and consistent with Nevada County's approved MHS Community Services and Supports Plan, which was amended October 25, 2022 per Resolution 22-540 which authorized the one-time purchase of real property.

Under this Agreement, Turning Point Community Programs operates the Insight Respite Center which houses an ongoing caseload of four (4) qualified clients. The Insight Respite Center resulted from the County and its stakeholders identifying a need for an alternative to inpatient hospitalization for individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. For years, stakeholders have advocated for the expansion of the County's crisis continuum of care to include the development of a respite care center where individuals can receive temporary housing and supportive counseling services. The County's receipt of SB 82 State funding, supplemented by MHS Community Services and Support (CSS) funds, were utilized to develop and implement a respite care center that has four (4) beds and operates 24 hours per day, 7 days per week (24/7). This center is peer-run, in coordination with clinical support and is called the Respite Insight Center.

Turning Point provides the facility and program staffing for this Center. Participants are offered an opportunity to utilize respite support up to 14 days. If individuals need additional time at the center, the Center team will document, consider requests, and may authorize additional days. The maximum length of stay is 28 days per admission. The participants are also linked to valuable community resources to support their recovery once they leave the Center. The target population served by this center are residents of Nevada County and Sierra County who are over the age of 18 years, have a mental illness, and as a result of the disorder the individual is at risk of needing a higher level of care, including possible placement in a

facility such as a: psychiatric hospital, an Institute of Mental Disease (IMD), Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC), or Crisis Stabilization Unit, or the individual has recently been discharged from one of these placements, or is experiencing a first episode or re-emergence of a psychotic break.

The project site for Insight Respite Center has historically been master leased by Turning Point. In recent years, competitive rental markets and property turnover have resulted in volatility for this program, causing the Center to pause services while finding a new site to relocate to. This Resolution will authorize use of funds provided through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for Turning Point to secure their current location as the permanent site for Insight Respite Center services. The County will impose a 55-year Deed Restriction agreed to by Turning Point and the County to utilize the property for respite services.

Turning Point Community Programs, Inc. has proven to be an effective community partner in providing an array of client driven services that increases consumer and family participation and advances a coordinated care structure helping to reduce the need for hospitalization and out-of-home placements.

We respectfully request the Board approve this Resolution authorizing the use of ARPA funds for the purchase of the Real Property located at 16573 Auburn Road, Grass Valley, CA (Assessor's Parcel Number 025-232-025-000). Notice of the intent to purchase Real Property was provide by publication on January 17, 24, and 31, 2023.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Phebe Bell, MSW, Director of Behavioral Health