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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: July 11, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rachel Peña, LCSW

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a renewal contract with Nevada County Superintendent of Schools (NCSOS) for the provision of Independent Living Program (ILP) Services in the maximum amount of \$180,000 for the contract term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Services are funded by Federal monies provided the County under the ILP Program allocation and Child Welfare Services 2011 Realignment funds. The contract is for a two year period with a maximum of \$90,000 per fiscal year. Services are within the Department's budget and there are no County general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND:

This is a renewal contract with the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools for services pertaining to the Independent Living Program. This program is designed to facilitate the transition for foster care children to emancipated lifestyles and enable them to become independent. ILP services are available to youth (ages 16 through 21) currently in foster care or those who have recently exited foster care. Youth who emancipate out of the foster care system face enormous challenges and are at a much higher risk than their counterparts for incarceration, unemployment, substance abuse, and homelessness.

Very few youth who age out of the foster care system in America go on to complete their college education. The ILP Program offers life skills classes and critical one-on-one support to mitigate these negative outcomes for Nevada County youth.

The ILP Program provides individual assessment and develops a transitional living plan for each participant. Included in the program is training assistance to obtain a high school diploma or its equivalent, higher education, career planning, learning daily living and self-sufficiency skills, money management, locating and maintaining housing, assistance in obtaining personal records and documents, such as a driver's license, birth certificate, etc. Referrals are made for individual/group counseling when appropriate, and to other community resources as needed.

It is recommended that the Board approve this contract as it enables continuation of a quality ILP Program for Nevada County's foster care youth.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Rachel Peña, LCSW, Director of Social Services