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### DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** January 13, 2026

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Rachel Peña

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of Amendment No. 1 to the renewal contract with FREED Center for Independent Living, D/B/A FREED for funding to administer the SOARWorks program to eligible clients; to increase the maximum contract price from \$100,000 to \$175,000 (an increase of \$75,000), and revise Exhibit "B", Schedule of Charges and Payments, to reflect the increase in the maximum contract price for the term of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, and authorizing and directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the Social Services Department's budget for fiscal year 2025/26. (4/5 Affirmative Vote Required) (RES 25-350)

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** Under this contract, up to \$175,000 is being committed to FREED for FY 2025/26. Funds will be used to serve Housing and Disability Advocacy eligible participants. The program will be funded by State Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP) funds. This amendment is due to additional one time State funding for the HDAP. A budget amendment is included with the resolution.

**BACKGROUND:** On July 8, 2025, per Resolution 25-350, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved execution of the Professional Services Contract with FREED Independent Living Center, D/B/A FREED for supporting independent living for adults with disabilities and older adults in Nevada County. According to the National Health Care for the Homeless Council, people with disabilities constitute 40% of homeless population. Approximately half of the people experiencing homelessness suffer from a mental health issue, according to the National Alliance to End Homelessness. Mental and physical health problems are exacerbated by the ongoing stress and associated trauma from living on the streets and/or in homeless shelters.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Amendment No. 1 to the renewal contract as it will allow for additional services and support to be provided to individuals who are unhoused and applying for disability benefits.

**Approved by:** Rachel Peña, LCSW Director of Social Services