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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: December 6, 2022

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rachel Peña

SUBJECT: Resolution approving acceptance of allocation Agreement in the amount of \$427,000 in “Medi-Cal Health Enrollment Navigators Project” funding from the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), for the purpose of providing Medi-Cal outreach, enrollment, and retention services to hard-to-reach potentially eligible Medi-Cal populations. Funds are available October 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Funds are authorized through CA Senate Bill (SB) 154 (Chapter 43, Statutes of 2022). There are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: SB 154 authorizes DHCS to manage and fund Medi-Cal outreach, enrollment, and retention activities, hereafter called “Navigation Services”. Nevada County applied for and was awarded \$427,000 on September 16, 2022. The funds are available October 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026. Navigation services are intended for the purpose of Medi-Cal enrollment and retention for the following target populations: persons with mental health disorder needs, persons with substance use disorder needs, persons who are homeless, aged persons, young persons of color, persons with other disabilities, immigrants and families of mixed immigration status, persons with limited English proficiency, low-wage workers and their families or dependents, uninsured children and youth formerly enrolled in Medi-Cal, justice involved persons, and populations affected by the Medi-Cal eligibility expansions. Navigator services will include: outreach, application assistance, enrollment, assistance with accessing and utilizing health care services, assistance with troubleshooting, retention and assistance with redeterminations.

It is recommended that the Board approve acceptance of this allocation agreement in the amount of \$427,000 as it supports critical medical needs for targeted populations in Nevada County.

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