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

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**MEETING DATE:** October 13, 2020

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** **Rachel Roos**

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving acceptance of allocation agreement in the amount of \$427,116 in “Medi-Cal Health Enrollment Navigators Project” funding from the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** Funds are authorized through CA Assembly Bill (AB) 74 (Chapter 2, Chapter 23, Statutes of 2019). There are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

**BACKGROUND:**

AB 74 authorizes DHCS to manage and fund Medi-Cal outreach, enrollment, retention, and troubleshooting services in the State, hereafter called “Navigation Services.” This fund is available in FYs 2020/21 and 2021/22 and shall be available for encumbrance or expenditure until June 30, 2022. A navigation service may include assistance with retaining and using health care coverage and gaining access to needed medical care. Nevada County applied for and was previously awarded \$500,000, however DHCS placed a hold on execution of the Agreement due to potential loss of program funding from COVID-19 State budget reductions and the Agreement was not brought to the Board of Supervisors for action at that time. The DHCS program was subsequently refunded, however at a lesser amount, which impacted the awarded allocation amount. Due to COVID-19 State budget reductions the revised amount for Nevada County is \$427,116 for the period of April 29, 2020 through December 31, 2021. The intended purpose the funding is to provide enrollment and retention for an estimated 2,450 individuals of the following target populations: persons with mental health disorder needs; persons with substance use disorder needs; persons who are homeless; aged persons; persons with other disabilities; persons with limited English proficiency; low-wage workers and their families or dependents; uninsured children and youth formerly enrolled in Medi-cal; and persons who are currently in county jails, in state prison, on state parole, on county probation, or under post release community supervision.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Allocation Agreement for the revised amount of \$427,116 as it supports critical needs for targeted populations in Nevada County.

**Item Initiated and Approved by:**

Rachel Roos, Director of Social Services