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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 27, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Erin Mettler**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of the Grant Agreement CHVP MIECHV ARP Round 2 with the California Department of Public Health for grant funds related to the California Home Visiting Project - Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting American Rescue Plan (CHVP MIECHV ARP Round 2) in the maximum amount of \$203,276 through September 30, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The CHVP MIECHV ARP 22-29 Round 2 agreement is funded through the California Department of Public Health Health and Human Services Agency. This agreement provides funding in the amount of \$203,276 through September 30, 2024. The California Department of Public Health has authority to grant funds for this Project under the Health and Safety Code (HSC), Section 123235. There are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, families have experienced financial hardship, sudden changes in routine, restrictions on social and physical interactions, death of loved ones, and increased stress, anxiety and depression in those who are already vulnerable. In addition to the impact of COVID on families, home visiting programs across the state have also suffered due to low enrollments, virtual visits, COVID-related illness, staff shortages, and employee burnout. These home visiting programs have been instrumental in child development, parenting support, relationship building, and overall improvement in the health of mothers, families and children. California Department of Public Health, Health and Human Services Agency has made available funds to provide resources to support activities directly related to COVID-19 public health emergency response to support home visiting activities that address the immediate needs of parents, children, and families. Additionally, these funds are for the benefit of those employed in home visiting services in order to attract and retain home visiting professionals who have been greatly impacted by the pandemic.

These funds will be used to support staffing costs associated with performing grant duties in support of service delivery, service expansion and family engagements, and additional training that promotes staff development and staff cohesion to improve staff's ability to connect with families.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Agreement as it allows continued support of home visitors and the families that they serve during this COVID-19 public health emergency response.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Erin Mettler, MA, Interim Public Health Director