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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: January 24, 2017

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Mike Dent**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Amendment #3 to the renewal contract with Nevada County Superintendent of Schools (NCSOS) to increase the contract maximum from \$905,869 to \$1,005,869 (an increase of \$100,000) to support Housing Support Program services in FY 2016/17 for the unchanged contract term of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Contract services are funded through available CalWORKs Single State Allocation and CalWORKs Family Stabilization monies that may be used to support opportunities/services that can assist low income residents in overcoming barriers to employment and assist CalWORKs participants in becoming financially self-sufficient; while the CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP) component of the Agreement will be supported by additional funds under Senate Bill (SB) 855, which allocates state-wide funding for providing housing support and related services to eligible CalWORKs participants. A budget amendment is not necessary and there are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: Per Resolution No. 15-308, the Board approved the renewal contract with the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools to deliver a coordinated array of services to promote self-sufficiency and family preservation. Per Resolution No. 15-523, the Board approved an amendment to the renewal contract to add CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP) services for FY 2015/16 and correspondingly increase the maximum contract amount. Per Resolution 16-226, the Board approved Amendment #2 to the renewal contract for additional HSP services for FY 2016/17.

For the past several years, Social Services has had great success in coordinating with local Family Resource Centers (FRCs) to provide health and human services to Nevada County families. The

Nevada County Superintendent of Schools administers our local network of FRCs in Western Nevada County which includes the following three (3) locations:

- Ready Springs School in Penn Valley
- Oak Tree School/Grizzly Hill School in North San Juan
- Grass Valley Charter School Campus in Grass Valley

Their programs provide critical community based services which reach our County's most vulnerable populations. Each Family Resource Center is identified closely with members of their community and is able to provide a range of services to support families and children. FRC staff provides services consistent with family support principles using an asset-based approach towards serving families holistically, in a culturally competent and strengths-based manner. All three FRCs offer services such as: addressing barriers to employment; information and resource referrals; workforce related life skill classes; GED preparation, etc.

Pursuant to this Amendment, NCSOS will be able to continue to provide CalWORKs HSP services which provide housing and rental assistance to help CalWORKs clients secure appropriate housing based on location, family size, safety and other relevant factors. The FRC Case Managers will assist clients to identify units that meet the needs of each family for safe and adequate housing, will assist clients to communicate with potential landlords and to complete rental applications. The Case Managers will work with the clients to identify potential barriers (move-in costs, legal, debt, criminal record issues) and assist to remove these barriers.

Families receiving rental assistance will be strongly encouraged to save a pre-determined amount of money each month as part of their budgeting and planning goals. Participants may be required to contribute a pre-determined amount toward their rental payment, and they also may be required to participate in either family stabilization or employment related activities as identified in a Family Stabilization Plan or Welfare to Work Plan, as agreed upon and signed by the client.

It is recommended that the Board approve the attached amendment as the continuance of Housing Support Program services will continue to advance the overall objective of the contract to provide a coordinated system of services that will assist needy families so children can be cared for in their own homes, reduce family dependency by promoting job preparation, stable housing, work skills, increasing self-sufficiency and encouraging marriage and the formation of two parent families that will promote permanency and family preservation.

Item Initiated by: Mali Dyck

Approved by: Mike Dent, Director of Social Services