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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: April 7, 2026

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rachel Peña, Social Services Director

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Amendment No. 2 to the contract with Sierra Nevada Children's Services for services related to administration of the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children, increasing the maximum contract price from \$70,909 to \$130,310 (an increase of \$59,401 for the term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. (RES. 25-353) (RES. 25-522)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Contract services are funded through State general funds from the California Department of Social Services Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children (Bridge Program) allocation and 1991 Realignment. Services are within the department's FY 2025/26 budget. No budget amendment is needed. There are no county general fund dollars required pursuant to this agreement.

BACKGROUND: On July 8, 2025, per Resolution 25-353, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved execution of the Professional Services Contract with Sierra Nevada Children's Services for services related to administration of the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children (Bridge Program), which was subsequently amended on November 18, 2025, per Resolution 25-522. The goal of the Bridge Program is to increase the number of foster children successfully placed in home-based family care settings. One of the primary barriers for potential families seeking to take in a foster child is the lack of access to childcare immediately following the removal of the child. With the passage of SB 89, resource families that have a child placed with them in an emergency or for a compelling reason are eligible to receive a time-limited monthly payment or vouchers for childcare and a childcare navigator. Childcare programs and providers serving children in the Bridge Program shall be provided with trauma-informed care training and coaching.

The California Department of Social Services has provided a redistribution allocation of funding

to Nevada County pursuant to the Bridge Program. These funds will increase funds to the voucher and administration components of the Bridge Program to enable more families to receive a voucher to help with childcare.

Sierra Nevada Children's Services, a private, nonprofit childcare resource and referral agency that has served families, early childhood professionals, and the Nevada County community since 1978, will provide services related to the administration of the Bridge Program pursuant to this Agreement.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Amendment as the services the Contractor will be providing will help decrease the barriers for placement of foster children.

Approved by: Rachel Peña, Social Services Director