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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 2, 2026

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Cari Yardley, Acting Behavioral Health Director

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a two year renewal contract with FREED Independent Living Center, DBA FREED for services related to providing a Landlord Liaison Team program to expedite housing for individuals experiencing homelessness in the total maximum amount of \$1,593,197, for the term of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: This contract will be funded with Encampment Resolution Fund (ERF) funds awarded by the California Department of Housing and Community Development and Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH) Round 3 funds awarded by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). ERF funds are required to be fully obligated by April 18, 2026 and fully expended by April 18, 2028, therefore this contract will be for a two-year term to meet the funding requirements. Funding for these services is included in the department's FY 26/27 budget proposal. There are no county general fund dollars required.

BACKGROUND: Between April and June of 2024, Nevada County Behavioral Health received notice of an award of over four million dollars to support engaging and providing a variety of services to landlords to increase the number of people gaining housing in the County. After an RFI process, FREED was selected to administer the Landlord Liaison Team (LLT). The LLT provides dedicated staffing to assist homeless households in gaining and maintaining permanent stable housing. The project administers a variety of resources and flexible funding aimed at incentivizing landlords and property managers to work with the LLT to house vulnerable county residents. The program offers one-time signing bonuses, risk mitigation funds, holding fees, and specialized landlord-tenant mediation services to landlords. Participants in the program are offered assistance with applying for housing units, applying for long-term subsidies, and gaining skills related to housing stability. LLT is a key partner in a coordinated homeless response process that includes street outreach programs, law enforcement, interim housing, emergency shelter providers, and other County Departments.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Contract as it provides a much-needed service to help unsheltered individuals obtain housing and successfully stay housed.

Approved by: Cari Yardley, Acting Behavioral Health Director