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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: April 25, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Mike Dent – Housing & Community Services**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Contract with Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras to administer Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) youth set aside funds in the amount of \$185,409.50 for the term of April 18, 2023 to June 30, 2026 and Authorizing and Directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the Housing and Community Services' Budget for Fiscal Year 2022/23. (4/5 affirmative vote required)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached resolution.

FUNDING: Funding is from the Housing and Community Services Division's County-allocated Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP), youth set aside funds, for HHAP Rounds 1, 2, and 3. A budget amendment is included and requires a 4/5 vote by the Board Members. There are no County general fund dollars required in the agreement.

BACKGROUND: On December 6, 2019, The Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC) announced the availability of HHAP grant funding, Round 1 (\$452,904.12). Subsequent rounds of HHAP funding were announced in 2020 and 2021 for HHAP Round 2 (\$207,042) and HHAP Round 3 (\$1,200,845.50), for a total amount of \$1,860,792.59 across all rounds of HHAP funding. Each round of HHAP funding designated a portion of funding for homeless youth populations, which are defined as unaccompanied youth who are between 12 and 24 years old and experiencing homelessness. Funds spent under this provision must still also comply with the eligible use requirements of Health and Safety Code section 50220.7(e).

HHAP Round 3, authorized by AB 140 and signed by Governor Newsom on July 19, 2021, included substantial amendments to regulations governing previous rounds of HHAP funding, including the opportunity for government jurisdictions and Continuums of Care (CoC)s to apply separately or jointly with

one entity being designated to assume the role of administrative entity for both the County's allocation and the CoC's allocation, as well as a requirement to develop a Homeless Action Plan developed in coordination between joint applicants. Whereas Nevada County was an individual applicant for HHAP round 1 and HHAP round 2, and a joint applicant as the administering agency for HHAP 3 for both the County and the CoC-531, the County has available youth set aside funds to be distributed to youth providers. Additionally, as the administering agency for the HHAP 3 joint application with the CoC, Nevada County and the CoC developed the Joint Homeless Action Plan that outlined gaps in the homeless response system, goals for addressing gaps, and metrics for improving homeless services across the coordinated entry system.

Funds awarded through this contract support the development of homelessness services for youth as outlined in the joint Homeless Action Plan goals and metrics. Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras (HRCS) is the administrative entity for CoC-531 and will lead Nevada County Continuum of Care in administering youth set aside funds for HHAP Round 1 (\$48,000), HHAP Round 2 (\$16,564), and HHAP Round 3 (\$120,845.50). Total youth set aside funds being contracted with HRCS from all rounds of HHAP is \$185,409.50. HRCS will direct a selection process for youth providers to receive funds and will enter into formal contracts with youth providers to administer funds. Projects will be selected based on relevancy to goals outlined in the joint Homeless Action Plan.

It is recommended that the Board approve the execution of the contract with the Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras as it will improve the coordination of funding and delivery of services to homeless youth in Nevada County while continuing progress towards goals and metrics outlined in the joint Homeless Action Plan, and support collaboration and develop stronger relationships between Nevada County and the Continuum of Care.

Item Initiated by: Angela Masker, Senior Administrative Analyst

Approved by: Mike Dent, MPA, Director of Child Support, Housing and Community Services