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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 24, 2025

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Rachel Peña**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a renewal contract with Nevada County Superintendent of Schools for the provision of Independent Living Program Services in the maximum amount of \$180,000 for the contract term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Services are funded by Federal monies provided to the County under the Independent Living Program (ILP) Program allocation and Child Welfare Services 2011 Realignment funds. The contract is for a two-year period with a maximum of \$90,000 per fiscal year. Services are within the Department's proposed FY 25/26 budget and there are no County general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: Very few youth who age out of the foster care system in America go on to complete their college education. The ILP Program offers life skills classes and critical one-on-one support to mitigate these negative outcomes for Nevada County youth.

The ILP Program provides individual assessment and develops a transitional living plan for each participant. Included in the program is training assistance to obtain a high school diploma or its equivalent, higher education, career planning, learning daily living and self-sufficiency skills, money management, locating and maintaining housing, assistance in obtaining personal records and documents, such as a driver's license, birth certificate, etc. Referrals are made for individual/group counseling when appropriate, and to other community resources as needed.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Resolution as this contract enables the continuation of a quality ILP Program for Nevada County's foster care youth.

Approved by: Rachel Peña, LCSW Director of Social Services