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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: August 11, 2020

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Mike Dent**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Amendment No. 2 to the renewal Standard Agreement Number 20F-3029 with the State Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) for funding of 2020 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Programs to increase the maximum amount payable from \$308,870 to \$311,667 (an increase of \$2,797). (RES. 20-011) (RES. 20-194)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached resolution.

FUNDING: The County annually receives federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds to support local services to low income residents of Nevada County. CSBG grants are allocated on a calendar year basis through a formula set by the State Department of Community Services and Development (CSD). The allocated CSBG award for all agencies is listed in the Agreement's Attachment A - 2020 CSBG Allocation spreadsheet. Per the spreadsheet in Amendment No. 2, the total calendar year 2020 amount for Nevada County is increased by \$2,797, from \$308,870 to \$311,667. As funds are appropriated to the State by the Congress, CSD will release a notification sanctioning the available amount to be expended for each quarter. There are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement. A budget amendment will be included in the 1st FY 2020-21 Countywide Budget Amendment.

BACKGROUND: As a condition of receipt and distribution of these funds, Nevada County must establish a list of priorities for addressing the needs of low-income residents through the development of a Community Action Plan (CAP). Per Resolution No. 19-381, the Board of Supervisors approved the 2020/21 Nevada County Community Action Plan and authorized its submittal to CSD, which was subsequently approved by the State. The CAP uses public input to develop goals and strategies and prioritize services to promote the goals of self-sufficiency among low income populations in its service area and the Adult & Family Services Commission (AFSC) tripartite board is the designated entity to oversee the planning, implementation and evaluation of CSBG activities.

Per Resolution No. 20-011, the Board of Supervisors approved the Standard Agreement 20F-3029 on January 28, 2020 and subsequently amended per Resolution 20-194 on June 9, 2020, to increase the maximum contract amount to \$308,870, replacing certain terms and conditions, and extending the term of the agreement to May 31, 2021. The CSBG grant is unique in that the funding is discretionary; agencies choose how to spend funding in the most effective and efficient way for their community. A portion of CSBG grant awards are distributed to community non-profit organizations, in an effort to fill the gaps in social services and/or to provide support to existing priority services to eligible residents of Nevada County. The submitted Community Action Plan determined that funding should be directed to improve the conditions of people living in poverty in the following areas: affordable housing, food/nutrition, access to mainstream benefits and transportation.

It is recommended that the Board approve the attached Amendment to the renewal Agreement as the funding received will be used to sustain services through the current calendar year.

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