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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: November 12, 2024

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Phebe Bell**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a subgrantee agreement with Foothill House of Hospitality, DBA Hospitality House for the construction of thirteen bed units of Behavioral Health Bridge Housing at 246 Glenbrook Road, Grass Valley CA, 95945 in the maximum amount of \$975,000 for the term of July 25, 2024 through October 1, 2025 and directs the Auditor-Controller to amend the Behavioral Health Budget for fiscal year 2024/25 (4/5 Affirmative Vote Required).

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Funding for this subrecipient agreement will be provided through awarded State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Behavioral Health Bridge House Round 3 funds, administered through Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. A budget amendment is required and included in this Resolution. There are no county general fund dollars required in the agreement.

BACKGROUND: The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has made available through the Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH) Program (AB 179) a total of \$1.5 billion dollars in funding to county behavioral health agencies and tribal entities to operate bridge housing programs. These programs aim to address the immediate and sustainable housing needs of people experiencing homelessness who have behavioral health conditions.

On November 7, 2023 this Board approved acceptance of \$3.6 million BHBH funds to implement a transitional, interim housing program to serve Nevada County Residents experiencing unsheltered homelessness with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. The program was implemented in partnership with Hospitality House Shelter and to date has served seventy-five unique individuals.

In an effort to improve the program, Nevada County Behavioral Health and Hospitality House applied for and were awarded BHBH Round 3 funds, a portion of which will fund the

development of thirteen units of interim housing on land owned by Hospitality House. The structures will consist of modular built structures with a mix of shared rooms and single room occupancies. When complete these beds will be owned by Hospitality House and available to BHBH participants. These beds will not grow the number of beds in the program but, rather, will allow for the BHBH program to utilize these beds to meet the program objectives without incurring the high costs of using hotels or master leasing housing. This will allow the program funds to last longer and serve more people. Program operator control of the facility will also allow for more oversight and efficiency in delivering services as nearly one half of the project will occur at one site as opposed to numerous sites in different parts of the County. Once the BHBH project is completed, Hospitality House will continue to operate the new housing to benefit people experiencing homelessness, providing long term benefit to the community.

Approved by: Phebe Bell, Behavioral Health Director