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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: August 15, 2017

TO: **Board of Supervisors**

FROM: Mike Dent

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a Contract with New Events &

Opportunities (NEO) related to funding for the purchase and installation of a bus stop, fencing and outdoor accessories to improve the health, physical and emotional/social development and academic achievement of low income youth in the maximum amount of \$15,000 for the term of July 1,

2017 through June 30, 2018.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: This contract is supported by Community Initiative Fund (CIF) dollars which are set aside from the County general funds and annually awarded to local non-profits to support single, one-time only funded projects.

BACKGROUND: The County in conjunction with the Adult and Family Services Commission (AFSC) issued a Request for Funding (RFF) for Community Initiative Fund (CIF) dollars to provide funding opportunities to local non-profits, to support meaningful projects that will have a beneficial impact for residents of Nevada County. After extensive review by the AFSC of the submitted proposals, the Commission's recommendation is to award CIF funding, pending Board of Supervisors' approval, to New Events & Opportunities (NEO).

New Events & Opportunities (NEO) operates a youth center in Western Nevada County serving youth and young adults between the ages of 11-25 years. Over the last six months youth participation has increased by nearly 150%. NEO now provides services to approximately 400 youth. NEO's Youth Center will offer safe and supervised after school programming five days per week at no cost to participants, making accessibility to low income youth and their families possible. NEO follows a youth development model, where youth engage in skill development and mentorship to help them become successful and self-sufficient. Pursuant to this Agreement, NEO shall use the funding to install a bus stop at the Youth Center and develop an outdoor gardening area to serve more youth in more meaningful ways. As a result, NEO will improve the health,

physical and emotional/social development of low income youth with in the community, while seeing an increase in their academic achievement.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Agreement as it will help to improve the health, physical and emotional/social development and academic achievement of low income youth in Nevada County.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Mike Dent, Department of Social Services Director