



# NEVADA COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** June 13, 2017

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Mike Dent

**SUBJECT:** Resolution accepting public comment on the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) 2018/19 Community Action Plan (CAP) and approving the submittal to the State Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) and authorizing the Chair of the Board to sign the Certification of Community Action Plan and Assurances.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the Resolution accepting public comment and the submittal of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Community Action Plan (CAP) to the State Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) and authorize the Chair or designee(s) including the Department of Social Services Director to sign the Certification of the Community Action Plan and Assurances and all other subsequent documents on behalf of Nevada County.

**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). State law requires each eligible CSBG entity to develop a Community Action Plan (CAP) that will assess poverty-related needs and available resources. The CAP uses public input to develop goals and strategies and prioritize services to promote the reduction of poverty, revitalize low-income communities, and provide the empowerment for low-income members of the community within Nevada County in order to achieve economic self-sufficiency. 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 amount of funding used to supply CSBG grants to local agencies has not been determined at the Federal level.

**BACKGROUND:**

As a condition of receipt and distribution of CSBG funds, Nevada County must conduct a public hearing to establish a list of priorities for addressing the needs of low-income residents through the development of a Community Action Plan (CAP). The CAP is specific to the County's activities, functions, projections, and reporting.

The Adult & Family Services Commission (AFSC) tripartite board has been designated as the entity to oversee the planning, implementation and evaluation of CSBG activities. CSBG requires that funding be spent to improve the conditions of people living in poverty. The AFSC held public forums in the Western and Eastern portion of the County and identified gaps in services in the following areas: affordable housing, food/nutrition, access to mainstream benefits and transportation.

Upon approval of the Community Action Plan (CAP) by the Board, County staff will submit the CAP to the California State Department of Community Services and Development by June 30, 2017. It is recommended that the Board approve the attached CAP as this will permit Nevada County to apply or receive funding, once the federal government passes a budget.

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