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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & COMMUNITY SERVICES

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: February 17, 2026

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Tyler Barrington, Director of Housing and Community Services**

SUBJECT: Resolution accepting execution of renewal Standard Agreement Number 26F-5029 with the State Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) for funding of 2026 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Programs for the term of January 1, 2026, through April 30, 2027, and directs the Auditor-Controller to amend the Housing & Community Services Department Budget for fiscal year 2025/26 (4/5 vote required) (Federal Subaward).

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 California State Department of Community Services and Development (CSD). The allocated CSBG award for all agencies is listed in the Agreement's Attachment A - 2026 CSBG Allocation spreadsheet. Per the spreadsheet, the total calendar year 2026 amount for Nevada County is \$298,666. 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. A budget amendment is required and included in this Resolution for the anticipated grant impact for the remainder of FY 2025/26. There are no County general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND:

CSBG funds are federal funds to support local services to low-income residents for a measurable impact on the on the causes and conditions of poverty; CSD distributes allocations to recipients.

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. 25-242, the Board of Supervisors approved the 2026/27 Nevada County CAP 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 tripartite board is the designated entity to oversee the planning, implementation and evaluation of CSBG activities.

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 CAP determined that funding should be directed to improve the conditions of people living in poverty in the following areas: affordable housing, employment services, and access to behavioral health services.

To meet state deadlines for contract signature and to expedite the state's contract process, the Nevada County Health and Human Services Agency Director maintains authority to sign CSBG agreements pursuant to Board Item SR 26-0015, approved on February 10, 2026. Also pursuant to Board Item SR 26-0015, the Housing and Community Services (HCS) Department brings signed agreements to this Board for final presentation and acceptance.

It is recommended that the Board accept the attached, executed renewal Agreement as the funding received will be used to sustain services to low-income residents of Nevada County through the upcoming calendar year with the purpose of alleviating the causes and conditions of poverty.

Initiated by: Angela Masker, Senior Administrative Analyst, Housing and Community Services

Approved by: Tyler Barrington, Director of Housing and Community Services