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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: July 13, 2021

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mike Dent – Housing & Community Services

SUBJECT: Resolution approving a one year ground lease agreement, with two automatic one year extensions, by and between the County of Nevada and the Nevada County Housing Development Corporation (“NCHDC”), a California nonprofit organization, pertaining to County-owned property located at 13192 Brunswick Road, GRASS VALLEY, CA (APN 006-481-004-000), designated as the location of the proposed Diversion Housing Facility.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Resolution.

FUNDING: There is no impact on the General Fund and no budget amendment is required.

BACKGROUND: California Senate Bill 843, Section 52 established a competitive grant program to disburse funds for the purpose of creating and expanding community alternatives to incarceration. Under the bill, the California Health Facilities Financing Authority, a public instrumentality of the State of California, was authorized by Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5848.51, to create the Community Services Infrastructure Grant Program (“CSIG”), and implement regulations (California Code of Regulations, Title 4, Division 10, Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 7413) pertaining to the to award grants for capital funding to finance eligible projects.

On 11/12/2019, per resolution 19-594, this Board approved submittal of an application for CSIG grant funds. On April 3, 2020 Nevada County Behavioral Health received notice of CSIG award and this Board subsequently accepted award of CSIG funds (Res 20-2125).

Funding was awarded to acquire and rehabilitate a facility to locate a diversion program for justice-involved County residents experiencing homelessness, as a means to provide safe housing and mental and substance use treatment services aimed at reducing recidivism.

With award in hand, County staff turned to the task of locating a suitable facility for the diversion house program and on August 11, 2020 this Board approved SR 20-3355 authorizing the Director of Facilities to enter into negotiations for purchase of site located at 13192 Brunswick Road (APN 006-481-004). On March 9, 2021, this board heard public comment on the purchase of the property and approved the sales agreement. The property completed escrow on March 23, 2021 and title was issued to the County on that date. Currently, a diversion program using Proposition 47 funds operates out of a separately leased facility, with funding for both leasing and services provided in contracts with Advocates for Mentally Ill Housing and its subsidiary the NCHDC. As part of the renewal of the NCHDC contract, which is also before the Board, NCHDC has included awarded CSIG funds reserved for rehabilitation of the CSIG site, along with specific activities related to the rehabilitation of the site, in the scope of work. This is allowable under CSIG grant agreement terms. Under the renewal contract, NCHDC will oversee and implement the rehabilitation of the CSIG diversion house site and relocate division program activities to that site within the 2021/22 fiscal year. Leasing of the site to the intended operator will allow for NCHDC to complete rehabilitation and commence operations commensurate with the CSIG award terms and expenditure timeline.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Mike Dent, Director – Housing and Community Services