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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: November 7, 2017
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: **Mike Dent**
SUBJECT: Resolution approving the revised General Assistance Program Manual.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The General Assistance (GA) Program is funded by the County General Fund to provide a safety net for indigent adults who do not qualify for other relief programs. The financial assistance provided to individuals is in the form of a repayable loan and the revenue from paid loans is used to re-fund the GA Program. This resolution does not alter the funding level or mechanism for the GA Program.

BACKGROUND:
Per Resolution 97-34, the Board of Supervisors approved the current GA Program Manual. The GA Program is authorized by the California Welfare and Institutions Code, Division 9, Part 5, Sections 17000 through 17410 as well as the County of Nevada Administrative Code, Section A-II 39.6 through 39.14.

The Board of Supervisors recently approved Ordinance No. 2442 which amended Section A-II 39.10 of Article 39 of Chapter II of the Nevada County Administrative Code regarding the method of payment of General Assistance. This revision of the GA Program Manual conforms to these code sections as written.

The GA Program is a supplemental assistance program for those persons who are ineligible for aid under any federal or state program which is designed to meet all of the applicant/recipient's needs, such as CalWORKs, or the Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP). It is, in large part, an emergency assistance program to be used when other resources are not available or cannot be developed to meet the needs of the applicant(s). Section A-II 39.7 of the County of Nevada Administration Code states, "The General Assistance Program is adopted to assure uniform operations of indigent relief activities throughout the County; to promote, protect and secure the general welfare of the people thereof, and encourage self-respect, self-reliance, and the desire to be a good citizen, useful to society."

The GA Program identifies recipients as either Employable or Unemployable. Employable recipients must participate in job search activities each month in order to remain in compliance with the program. Unemployable recipients are classified as such because of a physical, social, emotional and/or mental condition as determined by a qualified health care professional and are exempt from job search requirements.

The GA grant amount is based upon the size of the household and the CalWORKs non-Exempt Maximum Aid Payment levels as determined and adjusted periodically by the State of California.

The proposed revisions for the new manual bring the GA Program in alignment with current state and federal indigent assistance programs such as CalWORKs, CalFresh and Medi-Cal.

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