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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE:	August 23, 2022
TO:	Board of Supervisors
FROM:	Phebe Bell
SUBJECT:	Resolution approving execution of a renewal contract with Foothill House of Hospitality, d/b/a Hospitality House for the provision of homeless outreach, and access and linkage to treatment services in the maximum amount of \$613,772 for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

**<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>**: Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** Services are funded by Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) and Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals both from SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) and Prop 47 funds made available to Nevada County. Services are within the Department's FY 2022/23 budget. There are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

**BACKGROUND:** The Homeless Outreach Program is administered by Hospitality House, an agency that provides emergency shelter and supportive services to Nevada County's homeless population. As part of contracted services, Hospitality House will continue to provide homeless outreach services.

Through additional grant funding through the SAMHSA Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals (GBHI) and Prop 47, Hospitality house will provide enhanced homeless outreach, case management, and housing services to those experiencing homelessness. This grant will fund a Substance Use Disorder Counselor (SUD Counselor), who will focus on outreach and linkage to services, as well as a Housing Specialist, who will focus on finding permanent housing options for our clients. The Homeless Outreach Case Manager, Addictions Counselor, and Housing Specialist are all members of the Homeless Outreach and Medical Engagement (HOME) team. The Contractor will track: the number of homeless individuals and families served; the number of individuals and families referred to another agency; the number of individuals and families that receive services from the referred agency; the number of chronically and severely mentally ill that are assessed and enrolled in behavioral health services or substance abuse treatment; and the number of individuals and families that find stable housing.

The renewal was delayed in coming to the board as we waited for the Hospitality House June invoice to confirm how much GBHI grant funds they expended and therefore how much was left to contract with them for in FY 22/23.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Agreement as it promotes critical linkages and outreach to intervene and coordinate care for an underserved segment of our county population.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Phebe Bell, MSW, Director of Behavioral Health