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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: May 23, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rachel Peña

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a renewal Contract with The Salvation Army for the provision of CalFresh outreach and shelter services at the Booth Family Center for CalWORKs families in the maximum amount of \$319,738 for Fiscal Year 2023/2024.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Services are funded by CalWORKs Mental Health and Single Allocation funds, CalWORKs Housing Support Program funds, and CalFresh outreach funds. There are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: Under this Agreement, the Salvation Army is to provide CalFresh outreach and shelter services at the Booth Family Center providing shelter and support for CalWORKs participant families.

CalWORKs is a safety net program with a primary goal of reducing program dependency while increasing self-sufficiency through employment. Homelessness affects an individual's ability to achieve or maintain employment. Basic needs such as bathing facilities and a safe environment for adequate sleep are crucial to a participant's success.

The Booth Family Center is a year-round homeless facility in Western Nevada County that provides shelter and support to homeless families in a safe, drug and alcohol-free environment. The Center is a valuable resource for housing insecure families participating in the CalWORKs program.

Under this Agreement, the Contractor will provide shelter to families referred by the County Department of Social Services. Families must be pre-authorized for services by County staff and County staff determines the length of occupancy for each family, subject to the Booth Family Center's Agreement for Program Participation and Length of Stay policies.

The Salvation Army will additionally provide case management services for the referred families occupying these rooms. The Case Manager will appropriately address the multifaceted barriers which impact the client's progress towards self-sufficiency.

Unhoused CalWORKs clients will receive help with accessing safe, stable housing, domestic violence counseling, childcare, health care, employment, and training. The Contractor will work closely with County staff to ensure CalWORKs sponsored services are not duplicated. The Contractor will refer CalWORKs clients to available community services/programs including the One-Stop Business and Career Center to enhance clients' opportunities for success.

CalFresh outreach and application assistance will be included in the services Salvation Army provides to all who seek their assistance through non-county funded programs such as utility, food, and housing programs.

It is recommended that the attached renewal contract be approved as the services provided will address barriers to self-sufficiency and assist clients to move from dependence on public assistance to a life of financial independence. This is also an important part of our safety net services to prevent families from becoming homeless.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Rachel Peña, LCSW, Director of Social Services