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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** May 23, 2023

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** **Mike Dent – Housing & Community Services**

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of MOU with the Nevada County Continuum of Care-531 and designating it as Lead Agency and Collaborative Applicant for \Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) funds for Round 4 in the total amount of \$1,367,783 and future HHAP rounds during the term of the MOU.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached resolution.

**FUNDING:** This MOU addresses responsibilities between the County of Nevada and the Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras/CoC and allocates 25% of the joint awards to Nevada County for specific uses identified in the Joint Homeless Action Plan and MOU. The funding is the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) round 4 and future HHAP rounds released during the term of the MOU. These funds are included in the FY 22/23 and FY 23/24 Housing and Community Services budget. No County general fund is included, and no budget amendment is required.

**BACKGROUND:** On December 6, 2019, the State Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC) announced the availability of HHAP grant funding. Since that time, three additional allocations have been awarded, for a total investment in Nevada County of \$3,228,575.62.

HHAP Round 3, authorized by AB 140 and signed by Governor Newsom on July 19, 2021, included substantial amendments to regulations governing previous rounds of HHAP funding, including the opportunity for government jurisdictions and Continuums of Care (CoC)s to apply separately or jointly with one entity being designated to assume the role of administrative entity for both the County's allocation and the CoC's allocation, as well as a requirement to develop a Homeless Action Plan developed in coordination between joint applicants. Nevada County was an individual applicant for HHAP Round 1 and HHAP Round 2, and a joint applicant as the administering agency for HHAP 3 for both the County and the CoC-531. As

the administering agency for the HHAP 3 joint application with the CoC, Nevada County and the CoC developed the Joint Homeless Action Plan that outlined gaps in the homeless response system, goals for addressing gaps, and metrics for improving homeless services across the coordinated entry system. For HHAP Round 4, the CoC applied as the administering agency for both the County and the CoC with development of a Memorandum of Understanding to outline roles and responsibilities between both parties and contracts to be funding using HHAP dollars.

Funds awarded through HHAP support the development of homelessness services outlined in the joint Homeless Action Plan goals and metrics. Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras (HRCS) is the administrative entity for CoC-531 and will lead Nevada County Continuum of Care in administering HHAP funds for HHAP Round 4 in the total amount of \$1,367,783. As part of the proposed MOU, Nevada County will receive 25% of the allocation to fund homeless operational services and extreme weather shelters across the County.

It is recommended that the Board approve the execution of the MOU between Nevada County and CoC-531 with the Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras as the fiscal agent as it will improve the coordination of funding and delivery of homeless services in Nevada County while continuing progress towards goals and metrics outlined in the joint Homeless Action Plan, and support collaboration and develop stronger relationships between Nevada County and the Continuum of Care.

**Item Initiated by: Angela Masker, Senior Administrative Analyst**

**Approved by: Mike Dent, MPA, Director of Child Support, Housing and Community Services**