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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: March 26, 2024

TO: Board of Supervisors

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

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Amendment 1 to the MOU with the Nevada County Continuum of Care CA-531 to incorporate AB 129 requirements for applicants of HHAP Round 5 and future HHAP rounds, extend the agreement end date from June 30, 2024 to June 30, 2026 and to authorize the Housing and Community Services Director to amend the MOU as required by State statute for future HHAP Rounds. (RES 23-207).

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached resolution.

FUNDING: This MOU addresses responsibilities between the County of Nevada and the Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras/CoC, allocates 25% of the joint awards to Nevada County for specific uses identified in the Joint Homeless Action Plan and MOU, and commits each signatory to uphold, participate in, and comply with the actions, roles, and responsibilities in the AB 129 required HHAP 5 Regionally Coordinated Homeless Action Plan. The funding is the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) round 4 and future HHAP rounds released during the term of the MOU. No County general fund is included, and no budget amendment is required.

BACKGROUND: On May 23, 2023, per Resolution 23-307 the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved the MOU with the Nevada County Regional Continuum of Care CA– 531 for the designation of Collaborative Applicant and Lead Agency positions for HHAP grant funding.

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 CA-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 funded using HHAP dollars.

HHAP Round 5, authorized by AB 129 and signed by Governor Newsom on July 10, 2023, requires all eligible applicants to submit a collaborative application, further delineate roles and responsibilities between collaborative applicants, and create a Regionally Coordinated Homeless Action Plan, 'Homeless Action Plan', that commits each signatory to uphold, participate in, and comply with the actions, roles, and responsibilities, of each eligible applicant in the region as described in the Homeless Action Plan.

Funds awarded through HHAP support the homelessness services outlined in the Homeless Action Plan goals and metrics. Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras (HRCS) is the administrative entity for CoC CA -531 and will lead Nevada County Continuum of Care in administering HHAP funds for HHAP Round 4, HHAP Round 5, and future rounds of HHAP. 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 this Amendment to the MOU between Nevada County and CoC CA-531 with the Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras as required by AB 129 to delineate roles and responsibilities between applicants and to commit signatories to uphold, participate in, and comply with the actions, roles, and responsibilities of each eligible applicant as described in the Homeless Action Plan 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 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