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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** February 27, 2018

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** **Michael Heggarty**

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving Agreement Number 17-NPLH-11536 with the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for the No Place Like Home (NPLH) Program Technical Assistance Grant in the maximum amount of \$75,000 commencing upon HCD approval and shall not terminate until six (6) years after disbursement of the grant funds and authorizing Richard A. Haffey, County Executive Officer, to sign the Agreement on behalf of the County.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached resolution.

**FUNDING:** The grant funding provided under this Agreement is from the State of California, made available from the Mental Health Services Fund pursuant to an appropriation provided by subsection (a) of Section 5849.10 of the Welfare and Institutions code. A budget amendment may be required to expend the funds and will be forthcoming as necessary. There are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

**BACKGROUND:**

Per Resolution No. 17-251, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved the application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for the No Place Like Home (NPLH) Program Technical Assistance Grant funds. The application was approved and Nevada County has been awarded \$75,000 in funding for the NPLH Program Technical Assistance Grant. NPLH was established by Part 3.9 of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code (commencing with Section 5849.1) and enacted in 2016 to further the purposes of the Mental Health Services Act. The purpose of the NPLH Program is to provide financing for acquisition, design, construction, rehabilitation and preservation costs, and to capitalize operating reserves for

permanent supportive housing for individuals living with a serious mental illness who are homeless, chronically homeless, or at-risk of chronic homelessness.

The purpose of the NPLH Program Technical Assistance Grant is to provide funds for technical and application preparation assistance to Counties. Eligible uses of NPLH technical assistance grant funds include costs associated with the planning, design, application for, and implementation of an NPLH project. The Technical Assistance Grant funds will assist with their noncompetitive allocation and competitive allocation grant applications.

The Behavioral Health Department intends to utilize these funds for the following purposes:

1. Applying for NPLH Program funds
2. Implementing NPLH activities
3. Coordinating NPLH funded activities with local homelessness systems, including Coordinating Entry Systems
4. Collecting NPLH Data, evaluating program activities, and meeting NPLH program requirements related to these systems
5. Implementing other capacity-building activities related to creating permanent supportive housing models
6. Delivering a range of supportive services to tenants
7. Developing or updating the Nevada County homeless plan
8. Hiring staff or consultants to assist with:
  - a. identifying potential site for permanent supportive housing,
  - b. developing a process to identify potential developers,
  - c. monitoring activities of developers to ensure adherence with NPLH Program requirements,
  - d. brokering relationships between the county and affordable housing developers and/or housing authorities, and
  - e. identifying and applying for additional resources for capital, supportive services, and operating costs.
9. Coordinating and partnering with other county and community providers
10. Coordinating and communicating with HCD, Department of Health Care Services, and other state agencies

It is recommended that the Board approve this Agreement as these funds will provide technical and application preparation assistance which will assist Nevada County in finding permanent supportive housing for individuals living with a serious mental illness who are homeless, chronically homeless, or at-risk of chronic homelessness.

**Item Initiated and Approved by:** Michael Heggarty, Director of Health and Human Services Agency