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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: January 9, 2018

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Phebe Bell**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the renewal Continuum of Care Program Grant Agreement Number CA1093L9T151605 with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for continuation of funding for the Summer's Haven Project in the maximum amount of \$110,841 with the Agreement commencing as of the date of execution by HUD for the performance period of December 1, 2017 through November 30, 2018.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The grant funding provided under this Agreement is from federal dollars provided through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and as governed by Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and the Continuum of Care regulations. The receipt of funding was anticipated and there are no county general funds dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND:

The causes of homelessness are many and complex and homeless individuals have diverse needs. There is no single, simple solution to the problem of homelessness because of the different sub-population of the homeless, the different causes and reasons for homelessness and the different needs of the homeless individuals. The Supportive Housing Program (SHP) is authorized by Title IV, Subtitle C, of the McKinney-Vento Assistance Act of 1987. It is designed to promote, as part of local Continuum of Care Strategy, the development of long-term, community-based housing and supportive services for homeless persons with disabilities.

In 2010, the Nevada County Homeless Coordinating Council and the Placer Consortium on Homelessness agreed to merge and become the Nevada-Placer Continuum of Care (CoC), Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras (HRCS), a practice encouraged by HUD, in order to achieve improved coordination of services and more efficient resource allocation and regional planning to address homelessness. The CoC submitted and was a successful applicant to receive Continuum of Care funds to be used for supportive housing as part of the Nevada County's Summer Haven Project.

This is the fifth renewal of Nevada County's permanent supported housing (PSH) project. The program provides PSH to a minimum of thirteen (13) individuals with severe mental illness who are chronically homeless. Individuals must be adults enrolled in or eligible for Nevada County Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Full-Service Partnership (FSP) services. The population has low to no income so the rental assistance they receive ensures they can obtain and maintain their housing.

The funds under this Agreement will be used to support a minimum of thirteen (13) housing vouchers, contracted services, administrative costs and operational expenses such as the purchase of furniture for residents. The three basic goals of the Supportive Housing Project are:

- To help program participants obtain and remain in permanent housing;
- To help participants increase skills and/or income. Meeting this goal will allow the participant to secure an income to live as independently as possible; and
- To help participants achieve greater self-determination.

It is recommended that the Board support approval of this Agreement, as it will provide funding assistance to support safe, affordable, supportive housing for community members with a mental health need.

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