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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE:	December 6, 2022
TO:	Board of Supervisors
FROM:	**Mike Dent**
SUBJECT:	Resolution approving execution of Amendment No. 1 to the Contract with Foothill House of Hospitality, d/b/a Hospitality House for funding to provide Low-Barrier Shelter services to eligible participants increasing the maximum Contract Amount to $330,000 for FY 22/23 (an increase of $160,000), revising Exhibit "A" Schedule of Services to reflect an increase in low-barrier shelter beds from eight (8) to eleven (11) with an overall total of sixty-five (65) shelter beds, revising Exhibit "B" Schedule of Charges and Payments to reflect the increase in the maximum Contract price for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 and authorize and direct the Auditor-Controller to amend the Housing and Community Services Budget for Fiscal Year 2022/2023. (4/5 Vote Required) (RES. 22-373)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Funding is from Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) grant funds Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) funds, and Rate-Range Intergovernmental Transfer funds. There are no additional county general fund dollars required in the agreement. A budget amendment is included with this item and a 4/5 vote by the Board is required.

BACKGROUND: On July 12, 2022, per Resolution 22-373, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved execution of the Professional Services Contract with Foothill House of Hospitality, d/b/a Hospitality House to provide eight (8) beds of low barrier shelter. Hospitality House traditionally has operated under a "High-Barrier" shelter model which includes policies that are considered by HUD and HCD to impose "barriers" that limit the ability of certain homeless individuals from accessing the shelter. This model existed based on limited resources and staffing limitations. For example, Hospitality House shelter guests are required to breathalyze, pass drug

tests, not have any pets, and be cleared by the Grass Valley Police to be able to stay. For many guests, these barriers are not an issue, but for some these barriers mean they cannot access shelter services. Providing a Low Barrier option that removes these barriers for a limited number of guests will allow for individuals who have traditionally not accessed the shelter to seek shelter and engage in services.

In 2017, the County worked with Hospitality House to fund implementation of a Low Barrier Shelter model. These beds are accessed through a separate entrance after the traditional shelter has conducted its normal intake of guests. Those who access the Low Barrier Shelter model are not intermingled with the traditional shelter population. This is to ensure that shelter guests who are in recovery or otherwise sober are not impacted adversely by Low Barrier guests. Low Barrier guests are provided dinner and have access to a separate restroom.

The amendment increases low barrier shelter beds from eight (8) to eleven (11), adds the contracted total shelter bed capacity to sixty-five (65) and increases the contract amount by $160,000 to pay for additional beds and cover increased costs of running the shelter.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Amendment, which supports the improved shelter capacity, allowing more people experiencing homelessness an opportunity to transition toward permanent housing solutions.

Item Initiated by: **Angela Masker, Senior Administrative Analyst, Housing and Community Services**

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