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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: February 12, 2019
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: **Phebe Bell**
SUBJECT: Resolution accepting a grant from the Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in the amount of \$400,000 for the provision of services for homeless individuals in Nevada County with substance use disorders (SUDs) or co-occurring disorders (CODs) during the period November 30, 2018 through November 29, 2019 and authorize and direct the Auditor-Controller to amend the Department of Behavioral Health Budget for FY 2018/19.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The County has been awarded SAMHSA funds of \$2,000,000 over five years, with required renewal applications each year. This resolution accepts \$400,000 for Fiscal Year 18/19. There are no general fund dollars required in the Agreement. A budget amendment is included with this item. A 4/5 vote by the Board is required.

BACKGROUND: In 2017 the Behavioral Health Department applied under a federal grant opportunity to fund the Homeless Wraparound Team Project that proposes to provide services to homeless individuals in Nevada County who have substance use disorders (SUDs) or co-occurring mental/behavioral health and substance use disorders (CODs).

The goal of the project is to improve outcomes for individuals experiencing homelessness with CODs and SUDs in Nevada County by means of providing support through a number of key strategies, (1) behavioral and physical health, (2) intensive case management and treatment, and (3) housing navigation and recovery support services.

The Homeless Wraparound Team will provide community based outreach services to homeless individuals and will collaborate with service providers to help ensure all individuals experiencing homelessness are being identified and offered coordinated services by a partner that best fits their individual needs, including substance use disorder and mental health services. Nevada County has recently launched its Coordinated Entry System, a centralized system to link individuals experiencing homelessness with appropriate housing and services in a timely manner. Through the proposed project, the Homeless Wraparound Team will be working with individuals identified in the Coordinated Entry System to access needed supportive services that will allow them to be successful in attaining housing.

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