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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** April 28, 2020  
**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** **Phebe Bell**  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving acceptance of funds from the California Health Facilities Financing Authority (CHFFA) under the Community Services Infrastructure (CSI) Grant Program for a jail diversion program facility that will provide mental health treatment and substance use disorder treatment services for the term of March 26, 2020 through June 30, 2022 in the maximum amount of \$1,085,664 and authorizing the Behavioral Health Director, to sign the Grant Agreement on behalf of the County.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** On April 3, 2020, the California Health Facilities Financing Authority under the Community Services Infrastructure Grant Program allocated to the Nevada County Behavioral Health Department \$1,085,664 to improve and expand jail diversion programs in California. Budget amendment will be included on the next county wide budget amendment. There are no county general fund dollars required.

**BACKGROUND:** Senate Bill 843 (2016), Section 52 established a competitive grant program to disburse funds for the purpose of creating and expanding community alternatives to incarceration. The CSI Grant Program intends to expand access to jail and prison diversion programs and services; create or expand mental health treatment facilities, substance use disorder treatment facilities, and trauma-centered service facilities in local communities; and reduce the need of mental health treatment, substance use disorder treatment, and trauma-centered services in jails and prisons.

On March 26, 2020, the California Health Facilities Financing Authority approved a final allocation to the County of Nevada under the Community Services Infrastructure Grant Program to implement Nevada County's Diversion House Project. The funds will cover the purchase of one facility or home plus renovation to make available four to six new supportive housing beds for homeless, justice-involved individuals experiencing mental illness and/or substance use disorders. Behavioral Health will also use the funds to increase its capacity to serve the target population with the underlying goals of diverting those individuals from the county jail into supportive housing and to provide trauma informed substance use disorder and mental health treatment.

The target population for this project is justice-involved, homeless individuals, including those who are eligible for Medi-Cal and County Behavioral Health services, who are suffering from mental illness, substance use disorders, a co-occurring mental illness and substance use disorder, as well as those suffering from trauma. Most program participants will be identified through the Mental Health Pre-Trial Diversion program, the Adult Drug Court, Mental Health Court, or through an embedded case manager at the Public Defender's Office with the goal of increasing eligibility for diversion and treatment due to their access to a stable housing situation through the Diversion House project.

We respectfully request your support by accepting this funding to support a jail diversion program facility that will provide mental health treatment and substance use disorder treatment services.

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