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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 25, 2019

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mike Dent

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a Contract with The Friendship Club in regard to the funding of equipment related to their commercial kitchen addition in order to expand services for low income youth and their families, in the maximum amount of \$15,000 for the term of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: This contract is supported by Community Initiative Fund (CIF) dollars which are set aside from the County general funds and annually awarded to local non-profits to support single, one-time only funded projects. Funding for this item was included in the 19/20 budget, and there is no additional General Fund impact.

BACKGROUND: The County in conjunction with the Adult and Family Services Commission (AFSC) issued a Request for Funding (RFF) for Community Initiative Fund (CIF) dollars to provide funding opportunities to local non-profits, to support meaningful projects that will have a beneficial impact for low income residents of Nevada County. After extensive review by the AFSC of the submitted proposals, the Commission's recommendation is to award CIF funding, pending Board of Supervisors' approval, to The Friendship Club (TFC) for the Bright Futures Commercial Kitchen Project.

TFC enrolls girls ages 10-18, into the program the summer before 6th grade and are served until they graduate high school. TFC also provides an alumni program for girls after they graduate high school to assist them with the transition to adulthood, navigate college, careers, and parenthood, and to achieve their life goals. TFC also provides assistance through the SAFE program for low income youth (females and males, ages 16-25) and their parents.

In 2018, The Friendship Club had to move out of the location that it leased for 12 years due to the lease being not renewed. The new location TFC moved to does not have a commercial kitchen. The lack of a commercial kitchen presents a challenge in preparing and providing meals to feed the participants in after school programs. Additionally, the lack of a commercial kitchen has prevented TFC from providing cooking and nutrition classes to the participants and their families experiencing food insecurity.

Through support from the Nevada County Board of Supervisor's Community Initiative Funding TFC will purchase and install appliances/equipment within a commercial kitchen addition to their new facility. As a result of building the Bright Futures Commercial Kitchen, TFC will help reduce the food insecurity that their participants and their families experience. Participants will also have more nutritious food available to consume for them and their families. By being able to prepare and cook meals on site using a commercial kitchen, TFC will be able to not only provide a nutritious meal every time a participant attends, TFC will also be able to send home meals with participants to feed their families. It is anticipated that this will provide 4,500+ nutritious meals to youth each year, serve approximately 100 youth annually, prepare and send home 50+ meals to families/youth experiencing food insecurity a week and provide nutrition, meal planning, food-prep, and cooking workshops for both youth and their families.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Agreement as it will allow TFC to increase nutritional options to low income members of the community in order to meet basic needs.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Mike Dent, Director Housing & Community Services