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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: January 23, 2024

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Mike Dent – Housing & Community Services**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving Community Care Expansion (CCE) Program funds in the amount of \$2,777,562 as previously authorized by the Board on September 12, 2023, and authorizing the Housing and Community Services Director to sign and execute the program funding agreement to promote expansion of permanent supportive housing (PSH) options through construction of the Ranch House project.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached resolution.

FUNDING: This funding is from the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Community Care Expansion (CCE) funds authorized pursuant to AB-172. The California Department of Social Services contracted through a third-party administrator-HORNE to administer the CCE program. These funds are within the department's FY 2023-24 budget and there are no County general funds required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: On March 9, 2021, through Resolution 21-054, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved No Place Like Home funding in the amount of \$1,412,136, for expenses incurred for the Ranch House Development Project, located at 16782 State Highway 49, Nevada City, 95959. The project plans to construct six one-bedroom permanent supportive housing apartments on a County owned property, effectively expanding the County's housing options for chronically homeless households with serious mental illness. However, after the application was submitted, inflation-driven construction costs increased significantly, and a funding gap was identified.

Pursuant to AB-172, in January 2022, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) released a Joint Request for Applications for the CCE program administered by CDSS. CCE funds were made available to local public entities, including cities, counties, or other local public

entities within California, in multiple funding streams, to acquire and rehabilitate real estate assets to expand the behavioral health continuum of treatment and service resources for vulnerable populations, including people experiencing homelessness. CCE funds were aimed at preserving and expanding access to long term care for seniors and adults with disabilities in the least restrictive settings, prioritizing applicants, and recipients of Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) and Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Two sources of funds were made available through Community Care Expansion: CCE Preservation funds for Board and Care facilities and Expansion funds for expansion of permanent supportive housing. CCE Expansion funds were identified to bridge the gap for construction funds needed to complete the Ranch House project.

On March 14, 2022, Nevada County Behavioral Health received approval to apply for Community Care Expansion funds for construction of the Ranch House to expand permanent supportive housing (PSH) options. On August 24, 2022, Nevada County was awarded \$2,777,562 in CCE funds for construction of the Ranch House. This Resolution accepts the award of Community Care Expansion funds in the amount of \$2,777,562.

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the resolution for acceptance of Community Care Expansion (CCE) program funds in the amount of \$2,777,562 and authorize the Nevada County Housing and Community Services Director to sign and execute the program funding agreement to expand permanent supportive housing options in Nevada County.

Item Initiated by: Angela Masker, Senior Administrative Analyst

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