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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 27, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Phebe Bell**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a renewal Contract with Nevada County Housing Development Corporation (NCHDC) for services related to community-based housing projects and specialized housing programs for residents with mental health disabilities in the maximum amount of \$1,246,016 for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Contract services are funded by The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), County MHSA (Mental Health Services Act) funds, Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) and Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) funds. There are no County general fund dollars required in the agreement.

BACKGROUND: NCHDC has years of experience providing a variety of homelessness and housing services to homeless residents of Nevada County including in the Truckee region. In addition to providing contracted services for the Behavioral Health Department related to community-based housing projects that work to reduce homelessness among residents with mental health disabilities, over the past two years, NCHDC has contracted with the County Department of Housing and Community Services to develop and rehabilitate new housing projects and administer broad based rental assistance and prevention funding to homeless and at-risk of homeless residents. NCHDC has also helped to strengthen outreach, engagement and shelter operations in Truckee. NCHDC is a vital partner in the County's efforts to address

homelessness providing property management services, development services, and case management services supporting Behavioral Health clients in finding and maintaining housing while also supporting efforts to acquire and rehabilitate new housing stock. This Contract renewal comes as development projects started in FY 20-21 and headed up by HCS and NCHDC staff are becoming fully operational. With rehabilitation complete at the Brunswick Diversion House and Homekey-funded Empire Mine Courtyard complex, the Behavioral Health Department is able to utilize the sites, providing funding to NCHDC to expand housing opportunities for vulnerable County residents. Additionally, with the award of competitive Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) funding, NCHDC will be able to add additional post-housing staff to better support existing residents while also allowing for expansion of post-housing services to new tenants who need housing supports for up to two years after leasing up.

It is recommended that the Board approve this renewal Contract as the services provided will help program participants including homeless individuals involved with the criminal justice system, obtain and remain in permanent housing, increase the number of affordable options available to recipients, and ensure the provision of community supports necessary to assist recipients in succeeding in securing housing and integrating successfully into the community.

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