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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** September 12, 2023

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** **Kathy Cahill**

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of Grant Agreement Number 23-10398 with the California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS, for services related to the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program in the maximum amount of \$367,788 for the term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** The HOPWA Program is funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and in California administered by the Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS. This multi-year agreement provides five years of annual funding in the amount of \$77,607. One each in FY23/24 and FY24/25 and \$70,858 per fiscal year for FY25/26 through FY27/28 for a total payable contract maximum of \$367,788. HOPWA program funds are distributed using a statutory formula that relies on HIV/AIDS statistics (cumulative HIV/AIDS cases and area incidence) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Receipt of funding was anticipated in the department's FY 2023/24 budget, and there are no county general fund dollars required in the agreement.

**BACKGROUND:** Since the beginning of the HOPWA program in 1992, the Federal government has made available HOPWA funds to provide resources and incentives to devise long-term comprehensive strategies for meeting various types of housing needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS. The Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program allows the provision of monies for short term rent, mortgage and/or utility payments to low income residents who have been diagnosed with HIV/AIDS and who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness. The Public Health Department's HIV/AIDS Case Manager provides case management oversight for these HOPWA clients.

The goals of the program are to provide the strategies to alleviate or prevent homelessness among persons living with HIV/AIDS and to ensure these households are able to achieve and/or maintain housing stability and improve their access to HIV/AIDS care, treatment, and support.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Agreement as it allows continuation of funding to assist this particular population of county residents to achieve housing stability and linkages to treatment services.

**Item Initiated and Approved by: Kathy Cahill, MPH, Director of Public Health**