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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 13, 2017

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Rebecca Slade**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the application for and receipt of No Place Like Home (NPLH) Technical Assistance Grant funds from the California Department of Housing and Community Development in the amount of \$75,000 and authorizing Richard A. Haffey, County Executive Officer, to sign the grant application on behalf of the Nevada County Behavioral Health Department.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached resolution.

FUNDING: Upon approval of its application, the Behavioral Health Department will receive funds from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). A budget amendment is forthcoming when the Technical Assistance Grant Funds award amount is finalized. No County General Funds are required.

BACKGROUND:

The No Place Like Home (NPLH) program was established by Part 3.9 of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code (commencing with Section 5849.1) and enacted in 2016 to further the purposes of the Mental Health Services Act. The purpose of the NPLH Program is to provide financing for acquisition, design, construction, rehabilitation and preservation costs, and to capitalize operating reserves for permanent supportive housing for individuals living with a serious mental illness who are homeless, chronically homeless, or at-risk of chronic homelessness. Funding for the NPLH Program

will be available to California counties under a Technical Assistance Allocation, a Noncompetitive Allocation, a Competitive Allocation, and an Alternative Process Allocation.

The purpose of the NPLH Program Technical Assistance Grant is to provide funds for technical and application preparation assistance to Counties. Eligible uses of NPLH technical assistance grant funds include costs associated with the planning, design, application for, and implementation of an NPLH project. The Technical Assistance Grant funds will assist with their noncompetitive allocation and competitive allocation grant applications.

The Behavioral Health Department seeks approval to apply for a NPLH Program Technical Assistance Grant in the amount of \$75,000, which is the maximum award for small counties (population less than 200,000). Per the included application, the Behavioral Health Department intends to utilize these funds for the following purposes:

1. Applying for NPLH Program funds
2. Implementing NPLH activities
3. Coordinating NPLH funded activities with local homelessness systems, including Coordinating Entry Systems
4. Collecting NPLH Data, evaluating program activities, and meeting NPLH program requirements related to these systems
5. Implementing other capacity-building activities related to creating permanent supportive housing models
6. Delivering a range of supportive services to tenants
7. Developing or updating the Nevada County homeless plan
8. Hiring staff or consultants to assist with:
 - a. identifying potential site for permanent supportive housing,
 - b. developing a process to identify potential developers,
 - c. monitoring activities of developers to ensure adherence with NPLH Program requirements,
 - d. brokering relationships between the county and affordable housing developers and/or housing authorities, and
 - e. identifying and applying for additional resources for capital, supportive services, and operating costs.
9. Coordinating and partnering with other county and community providers
10. Coordinating and communicating with HCD, Department of Health Care Services, and other state agencies

The Behavioral Health Department is requesting the Board of Supervisors authorize Richard A. Haffey, County Executive Officer, to sign the grant application on their behalf. Mr. Haffey will be the official designated to be the Authorized Representative for this grant project and assume the responsibilities specified in the NPLH Program

Technical Assistance Notice of Funding Availability and Technical Assistance Program Guidelines.

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada adopt this resolution authorizing the application for and receipt of No Place Like Home (NPLH) Technical Assistance Grant funds from the California Department of Housing and Community Development and authorize Richard A. Haffey to sign the grant application on behalf of the Nevada County Behavioral Health Department.

Item Initiated by: Rebecca Slade, Director of Behavioral Health

Approved by: Michael Heggarty, Director of Health and Human Services Agency