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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: January 9, 2018

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Phebe Bell**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Standard Agreement Number 17-94647 with the California Department of Health Care Services to offer crisis counseling to Nevada County residents affected by the Lobo and McCourtney fires in the maximum amount of \$38,388.22 for the term of October 12, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) applied for crisis counseling funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on behalf of the six Northern California counties affected by wildfires in October of 2017. DHCS has awarded \$38,388.22 of its total award from FEMA to Nevada County Behavioral Health for the administration of crisis counseling services. No general funds are required. A budget amendment is not necessary.

BACKGROUND: Between October 8th and 9th, several fires broke out overnight in Northern California, exacerbated by extremely high winds. The McCourtney Fire and Lobo Fire in Nevada County, also referred to collectively as the Wind Complex fire, had a devastating effect on the community, burning nearly 900 acres and at least 30 structures and resulting in the evacuation of thousands of residents. On October 9th, Governor Brown declared a state of emergency in Nevada County as a result of these fires. On October 10th, President Trump approved the California Disaster Declaration and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the affected areas.

The Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CCP) is a federally funded program administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which funds mental health assistance and training activities in

areas that have been declared a major disaster by the President. The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) applied for the Immediate Services Program grant within the CCP on behalf of the six California counties affected by wildfires, and FEMA subsequently approved the application. The Immediate Services Program is a short-term and immediate solution providing funding for crisis counseling services to those affected by the fires.

The Nevada County Behavioral Health Department is responsible for recruiting counselors, providing crisis counseling services, conducting media and marketing outreach, and collecting and reporting the required data in accordance with FEMA forms.

Item Initiated by: Priya Mathew, Administrative Analyst

Approved by: Phebe Bell, MSW Interim Behavioral Health Director