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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: December 13, 2022

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rachel Peña

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the application for and receipt of funds from The California Department of Aging by the Division of Home and Community Living (CHCL) Access to Technology grant for the provision of digital connectivity in the maximum amount of \$320,000 for the term of October 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The non-competitive grant funds are provided by the California Department of Aging (CDA) for the administration of services and supports in alignment with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) and Community Based Services (HCBS) spending plan. The non-competitive grant application was due on August 15, 2022, and then the due date was extended to August 29, 2022. Nevada County submitted the application on August 18, 2022. There are no general funds required in this Agreement.

BACKGROUND: The California Department of Aging by the Division of Home and Community Living (CHCL) Access to Technology grant opportunity has launched a 27-month program (October 1, 2022 - December 31, 2024) to meet the needs of diverse older adults (i.e., 60 years of age and older) and adults with disabilities to gain access to digital connectivity and technology to reduce isolation, increase social connections, and enhance self-confidence in navigating digital and online resources. This opportunity is in alignment with the California Governor's Master Plan on Aging. The program goals are to connect older adults and adults with disabilities to technology, providing them with greater access to resources and information. Provide older adults and adults with disabilities with enhanced vital services, such as telehealth; social

engagement/isolation prevention; and information on nutrition, transportation, and long-term support services through broadband access/internet connectivity. Reduce social isolation and improve well-being by expanding access and increasing connections and communication with family members, friends, caregivers, healthcare professionals, community resources, and services. Enhance self-confidence by working to eliminate fears and doubts over ability to use technology and develop the confidence that comes from familiarity with and knowledge of the advantages and benefits that technology can offer. Educate older adults and adults with disabilities on how to use technology to assist in the basics of daily living, such as paying bills and grocery shopping, thereby helping them to continue living independently in their communities.

Adult Services intends to subcontract with our local Aging Disability and Resource Center (ADRC/FREED) to manage this program. Adult Services will work collaboratively with the ADRC/FREED and refer older adults and adults with disabilities to this program. Adult Services staff, Adult Protective Services and In Home Support Services, are actively in the homes of our customers and will be able to personally share this exciting program and explore what type of technology will best suit their needs. ADRC/FREED will purchase the requested equipment, assist our customers with choosing the best California Low Cost Internet Plan, and provide support on how to use the technology. Area 4 on Aging also provides on-line internet support classes.

It is recommended that the Board approve the application for and receipt of the California Department of Aging (CDA) by the Division of Home and Community Living (DHCL) for the Access to Technology Program funds to support Social connection among older and disabled adults in our community.

Item Initiated by: Kelly Carpenter, Program Manager Adult Services

Approved by: Rachel Peña, Director of Social Services