



# COUNTY OF NEVADA HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** June 9, 2020

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** **Mike Dent – Housing & Community Services**

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of the Grant Agreement between Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras and County of Nevada for California Emergency Solutions and Housing, Emergency Shelter and Housing Services to provide up to \$300,000 in funding to the County to support County and Continuum of Care (CoC) strategic objectives to address homelessness and authorizing the Director of Child Support, Collections, and Housing and Community Services to Sign the Agreement.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached resolution.

**FUNDING:** Funds are from allocations provided by the State of California through Housing and Community Development Department's California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program (CESH) to the Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras (HRCS). Funds are to be fully expended by June 30, 2022. A budget amendment is not required at this time as the funds will be expended in the next two Fiscal Years. There are no County general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

**BACKGROUND:** The CESH Program was authorized under SB 850 (Chapter 48, Statutes of 2018), and the California department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is charged with administering the program. The CESH program was established to provide funds to local CoC organizations for a variety of eligible activities to assist persons experiencing homelessness.

In August of 2018 and March of 2019, HCD announced availability of CESH funding in the amounts of \$53 million and \$29 million, respectively. Shortly thereafter, HRCS requested Letters of Interest from CoC member organizations.

Program guidelines stipulated that local CoC's were to establish a collaborative process for deciding how funds would be used across eligible activities. Over two special meetings the CoC solicited input from community providers and advocates. CoC organizations representing Nevada County advocated for a single application spanning multiple eligible activities and the Nevada County Housing and Community Services Division was tasked with authoring and submitting the application to HRCS. Nevada County and partner organizations agreed to allocate \$200,000 for emergency shelter operations and emergency extreme weather shelter operations and \$100,000 for flexible rental assistance and landlord incentives in both Nevada and Placer Counties. On December 13<sup>th</sup> 2019, these proposed activities and allocated amounts were presented to the HRCS Ratings and Ranking Committee and on December 20<sup>th</sup> the committee accepted the proposal and submitted the final CESH funding proposals to HCD for final approval.

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors accept the award and grant agreement in the amount to provide further assistance to individuals experiencing homelessness in Nevada and Placer Counties.

**Item Initiated and Approved by:** Mike Dent, Director – Housing and Community Services