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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** June 28, 2016

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** **Mike Dent**

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of a Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funded Contract with Family Resource Center of Truckee related to supporting the housing and sustainability needs of very low-income residents as part of the "Housing Support & Advocacy Program" in the maximum amount of \$34,800 for the term of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** Contract services are supported by available 2016 Federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding awarded to the County to support the priorities of County's approved Community Action Plan (CAP). There are no County General Fund dollars required in the Agreement.

**BACKGROUND:** Per Resolution No. 15-276, the Board of Supervisors approved the 2016/17 Nevada County Community Action Plan and authorized its submittal to the State Department of Community Services and Development (CSD). The County was subsequently awarded funds via the State CSBG funding Agreement.

The County in conjunction with the Adult and Family Services Commission (AFSC) issued a combined Request for Funding (RFF) for Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and/or Community Initiative Fund (CIF) dollars to provide funding for community projects which support low income members of the community as identified in the CAP.

Family Resource Center of Truckee (FRCoT) will use funding to support the housing and sustainability needs of very low-income residents as part of the *Housing Support & Advocacy Program*. FRCoT serves more than 1,000 households annually. Approximately 60% have annual incomes below \$19,000. These very low-income community members face significant challenges in making ends meet. By providing education, direct financial assistance, financial coaching and

connections to other services and programs, the FRCoT helps very low-income community members to move toward more stable, healthy and sustainable lives.

Using center-based Advocates, FRCoT will provide the following services (in English and Spanish):

- Direct financial assistance for housing
- Legal help to prevent eviction
- Financial coaching (CFC-ICF certified)
- Access to healthcare
- Eligibility screening and assistance with accessing basic need benefit programs
- Connect eligible clients with programs such as the Nevada County Rental Deposit Program, first-time homebuyer assistant programs and Truckee Donner PUD low-income energy savings programs

It is recommended that the Board approve this agreement as it supports affordable housing and service connectivity identified in the 2016/2017 CAP by providing education, mobilizing resources and advocating for change.

**Item Initiated and Approved by:** Mike Dent, Department of Social Services Director