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Honorable Board of Supervisors Eric Rood Administrative Center 950 Maidu Avenue Nevada City, CA 95959

DATE OF MEETING: June 23, 2015

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the submittal of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) 2016/2017 Community Action Plan (CAP) to the State Department of Community Services and Development (CSD), and authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the Certification of Community Action Plan and Assurances.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Resolution for the submittal of the CSBG Community Action Plan to the State Department of Community Services and Development and to authorize the Chair of the Board to sign the Certification of the Community Action Plan and Assurances.

FUNDING: The County annually receives federal CSBG funds to support local services to low income residents of Nevada County. The Community Services Block Grant is allocated on a calendar year basis through a formula set by the State Department of Community Services and Development. State law requires each eligible CSBG entity to develop a CAP that will assess poverty-related needs and available resources.

The CAP uses public input to develop goals and strategies and prioritize services to promote the goals of self-sufficiency among low/moderate income populations in its service area. A portion of the CSBG grant award is distributed to community non-profit organizations, in an effort to fill the gaps in social services, and/or to provide support to existing priority services to eligible residents of Nevada County. The final allocation used to supply CSBG grants for 2016/2017 to local agencies has not been determined at the Federal level. However, in the current FY 2014/2015 funding cycle, CSBG has supplied a total of \$110,000 to the following local nonprofits: Hospitality House, Interfaith Food Ministry, Tahoe Safe Alliance, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalition and Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital Foundation.

BACKGROUND: As a condition of receipt and distribution of CSBG funds, Nevada County must establish a list of priorities for addressing the needs of low-income residents through the development of a Community Action Plan. The CAP is specific to the County's activities, functions, projections and reporting.

The Adult & Family Services Commission (AFSC) tripartite board has been designated as the entity to oversee the planning, implementation and evaluation of CSBG activities. The Community Action Plan has determined that funding should be directed to improve the conditions of people living in poverty in the following areas: mental health assistance, nutrition, educational attainment, lack of affordable housing, lack of public transportation in rural areas and service connectivity.

Upon approval of the CAP by the Board, the completed Community Action Plan must be submitted to the California State Department of Community Services and Development by June 30, 2015. It is recommended that the Board approve the attached CAP as this will permit Nevada County to apply and continue receiving funding, once the federal government passes a budget for this program.

Please contact me if any additional information is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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