

## Health and Human Services Agency

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## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**Board Agenda Memo** 

**MEETING DATE:** June 24, 2025

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

FROM: Phebe Bell

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of a renewal contract with Foothill House

of Hospitality, DBA Hospitality House for the provision of homeless outreach, access and linkage to treatment services, and transitional housing services through the Behavioral Health Bridge Housing program

in the maximum amount of \$1,762,322 for the term of July 1, 2025

through June 30, 2026.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

<u>FUNDING</u>: Services are funded by Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH) funds, Encampment Resolution Funds (ERF), Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH), and Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds made available to Nevada County. Services are within the Department's FY 2025/26 budget. There are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

**BACKGROUND:** For over fifteen years, Hospitality House has provided outreach, emergency shelter, and supportive services to Nevada County's homeless population. Hospitality House has partnered with the County and the local Continuum of Care on numerous large initiatives aimed at coordinating homelessness and housing efforts including implementing the HOME team, expanding shelter to include low-barrier access, and developing new units of affordable and supportive housing.

This renewal contract continues this partnership through the continuation of the Behavioral Health Bridge Housing program, an interim housing and case management program designed to provide 30 new units of interim housing to residents of Nevada County experiencing homelessness who have co-occurring mental health and substance use challenges and whom have a high degree of contract with the Justice System. These new beds will provide interim non-congregate shelter and wrap around case management services to participants and will leverage CalAIM Community Supports and the County's Enhanced Care Management (ECM) team to engage, connect, and

support participants in acquiring permanent stable housing.

In addition to the BHBH program, this renewal allocates funds to continue to provide vital shelter case management and outreach services. Through all of its programs, Hospitality House collects and provides vital data related to the number of homeless individuals and families served; the number of individuals and families referred to other agencies; the number of individuals and families that receive services from the referred agency; the number of chronically and severely mentally ill that are assessed and enrolled in behavioral health services or substance abuse treatment; and the number of individuals and families that find stable housing.

It is recommended that the Board approve this contract as it promotes critical linkages and outreach to intervene and coordinate care for an underserved segment of our county population.

**Approved by:** Phebe Bell, Behavioral Health Director