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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: January 26, 2016

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Mike Dent**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funded Contract with Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalition (DVSAC) for funding emergency support services for low-income victims of abuse in the maximum amount of \$12,000 for the term of July 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Contract services are supported by available 2015 Federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding awarded to the County, which has been approved for an extension through May 31, 2016, 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. 13-191, the Board of Supervisors approved the 2014/15 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 worthwhile community projects. As there is still available 2015 CSBG funding, the Adult and Family Services Commission reviewed prior submitted proposals of non-profit organizations and recommends awarding funds, pending Board of Supervisors' approval, to Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalition (DVSAC) in support of their Removing Roadblocks to Progress Project.

Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Coalition (DVSAC): The Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalition (DVSAC) has served Nevada County since 1978, first as a community group - the Battered Women's Alliance - and since 1980 as a 501(c) (3) non-profit corporation. The mission of DVSAC is to offer resources for building healthy relationships and to work with community partners to provide services for healing the effects of interpersonal violence. CSBG

funds will be used to provide emergency support services to western Nevada County victims of domestic violence and sexual assault who fall within the poverty level guidelines. Under this Agreement DVSAC shall provide:

- Emergency motel nights - Safety needs may include a motel room while other temporary solutions for housing are explored.
- Crisis Counseling – to assess the victim’s safety and other needs and determine CSBG eligibility during initial intake.
- Advocate/Counselor may need to type temporary restraining orders and provide court accompaniment and transportation.
- Transportation – Taxi fares and gas cards will be provided.

It is recommended that the Board approve this agreement as it will help support victims of intimate partner/domestic violence and child abuse by providing immediate emergency support services.

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