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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:**      January 26, 2021

**TO:**                              Board of Supervisors

**FROM:**                         **Rachel Roos**

**SUBJECT:**                    Resolution approving execution of Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Nevada County Superintendent of Schools for the provision of Family Support and Self-Sufficiency services in Western Nevada County to increase the maximum contract price from \$485,856 to \$535,856 (an increase of \$50,000) to cover anticipated Housing Support Program (HSP) customer funding requests for the remainder of the fiscal year and revise Exhibit "B" Schedule of Charges and Payments to reflect the increase in the maximum contract price for the term of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. (RES 20-370).

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**RECOMMENDATION:**    Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:**    Contract services are funded through available CalWORKs Single State Allocation, CalWORKs Family Stabilization and CalWORKs Housing Support Program monies that may be used to support opportunities/services that can assist low income residents in overcoming barriers to employment and to assist CalWORKs participants in becoming financially self-sufficient. Services are within the Department's FY 2020/21 budget and there are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

**BACKGROUND:**    For the past several years, Social Services has had great success in coordinating with local Family Resource Centers (FRCs) to provide health and human services to Nevada County families. The Nevada County Superintendent of Schools administers our local network of FRCs in Western County. The FRCs provide critical community-based services which reach our County's most vulnerable populations.

Per Resolution 20-370, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors authorized the execution of the Renewal Professional Services Agreement between the County of Nevada and Nevada County Superintendent of Schools to continue to provide family stabilization and housing support services at the three following locations:

- Ready Springs School in Penn Valley
- Oak Tree School/Grizzly Hill School in North San Juan
- Grass Valley Charter School Campus in Grass Valley

Each Family Resource Center is identified closely with members of their community and is able to provide a full array of services to support families and children. FRC staff will provide intensive case management consistent with family support principles using an asset-based approach towards serving families holistically, in a culturally competent and strengths-based manner. The Contractor will designate 3.25 FTE Family Stabilization Case Managers to support CalWORKs families at all three FRCs with services such as completion of forms, preparation of paperwork, provide supportive counseling, research client's legal or credit challenges and assist clients in resolving past issues, provide referrals to as needed, credit and budget counseling, housing search and placement, landlord engagement, and preparation and submission of funding requests on behalf of clients for direct financial assistance with housing or family stabilization needs.

Family Resource Center services improve outcomes for families in our community by creating a physical space and a coordination system for service delivery and resource connection. The overall objective of the contract is to provide a coordinated array of services that will assist needy families so children can be cared for in their own homes, reduce family dependency by promoting job preparation, work skills, increasing self-sufficiency and to encourage the formation and maintenance of stable parental caretakers.

It is recommended the Board approve this Amendment No. 1. This amendment includes additional funding for direct HSP funding for clients.

**Item Initiated and Approved by:** Rachel Roos, LCSW, Director of Social Services