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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: December 5, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Mike Dent – Housing & Community Services**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a Contract with Forging Nevada County Forward related to providing low-income residents of Nevada County with job training through a partnership with The Curious Forge, LLC, Metal Fabrication Certificate Program in order to obtain employment skills leading to self-sufficiency, in the maximum amount of \$74,000 for the term of October 1 through December 31, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Contract services are supported by available 2020 Federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding awarded to the County to support the priorities of County's approved Community Action Plan (CAP). Services were anticipated and including in the departments FY 2023-24 budget. There are no County General Fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: Per Resolution No. 23-247, the Board of Supervisors approved the 2020/2021 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 Request for Funding (RFF) for Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) dollars to provide funding for community projects which support low-income members of the community as identified in the CAP.

The ability to increase household income is one of the largest barriers for low income individuals to achieve self-sufficiency. Often the lack of or a reduction in household income can lead to

homelessness and/or continued chronic financial hardship. On behalf of the low-income residents of Nevada County, Forging Nevada County Forward in partnership with The Curious Forge, LLC, will purchase material supplies in preparation of providing job training through a Metal Fabrication Certificate program in support of low-income residents of Nevada County. The goal of the program, to be funded through the 2023 CSBG grant between the County and the State of California Community Services Department, will be to provide low-income members of the community with the knowledge and skill to perform core proficiencies in metal fabrication to seek and obtain employment leading to self-sufficiency. This will be a second training course as Nevada County, Forging Nevada County Forward in partnership with The Curious Forge, LLC, successfully completed their first course earlier in 2023.

The Metal Fabrication Certificate program will consist of a 3 day a week, 12-week training program for 8 participants with two courses funded through the CSBG program based on funding availability. Participants that successfully complete the course will receive certification of completion from the program and receive assistance in connecting with potential employers.

It is recommended that the Board approve the Agreements with Nevada County, Forging Nevada County Forward in partnership with The Curious Forge, LLC to provide a Metal Fabrication Certificate program in support of low-income residents of Nevada County in an effort to increase income in order to provide for their basic needs and obtain self-sufficiency.

Item Initiated by: Rob Choate, Administrative Services Associate

Approved by: Mike Dent, MPA, Director of Child Support, Housing and Community Services