



**NEVADA  
COUNTY**  
CALIFORNIA

## Health and Human Services Agency

**Ryan Gruver**, MPA, Agency Director

**Phebe Bell**, MSW, Behavioral Health

**Jeff Goldman**, MPA, Probation

**Keri Klein**, Public Defender

**Kathy Cahill**, MPH, Public Health

**Mike Dent**, MPA, Child Support/Housing & Community Service

**Rachel Peña**, LCSW, Social Services

950 Maidu Ave.  
Nevada City, CA 95959

Phone: (530) 265-1627

Fax: (530) 265-2295

### BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

---

## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Board Agenda Memo

---

**MEETING DATE:** November 12, 2024

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** **Phebe Bell**

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of a Contract with FREED Independent Living Center, DBA FREED for services related to providing a landlord liaison program to expedite housing individuals experiencing homelessness in the total maximum amount of \$878,141 for the term of November 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 and directs the Auditor-Controller to amend the Behavioral Health Budget for fiscal year 2024/25 (4/5 Affirmative Vote Required)

---

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** This contract will be funded with Encampment Resolution Fund (ERF) award to Behavioral Health from the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) and the Business, Consumer and Housing Agency (BCSH) agency. There are no county general fund dollars required.

**BACKGROUND:** On April 18, 2024, Nevada County Behavioral Health received notice of award of \$2,508,622 in ERF funds. On June 25, 2024 the Board approved acceptance of the award (SR 24-0868) granting authority to the Director of Behavioral Health to sign all necessary documents to complete the award process. Per SR 24-0868, the Department conducted a Request for Information (RFI) process seeking a qualified provider for services outlined by the department in the ERF proposal. Having completed that process, the Department is seeking approval today of a services contract with FREED, the selected provider for the ERF project.

Through FREED, awarded funds will be used to establish the Landlord Liaison Team (LLT). The LLT will provide dedicated staffing to assist unsheltered homeless households in gaining permanent stable housing. The LLT project will administer a variety of resources and flexible funding aimed at incentivizing landlords and property managers to work with the LLT to house vulnerable county residents. The program will offer one-time signing bonuses, risk mitigation funds, holding fees, and specialized landlord-tenant mediation services to landlords. Participants in the program will be offered assistance in applying for housing units, applying for long term subsidies and gaining skills related to housing stability. The LLT will be a key

partner in a coordinated encampment response process that includes street outreach programs, law enforcement, interim housing and emergency shelter providers, and other County Departments.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Contract as it provides a much needed service to help unsheltered individuals obtain housing and successfully stay housed.

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