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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: May 26, 2020

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mali Dyck

SUBJECT: Resolution approving temporary adjustments and flexibilities for CalWORKs requirements during the COVID-19 Pandemic to the General Assistance Program Manual.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The General Assistance (GA) Program is funded by the County General Fund to provide a safety net for indigent adults who do not qualify for other relief programs. The financial assistance provided to individuals is in the form of a repayable loan and the revenue from paid loans is used to re-fund the GA Program. This resolution does not alter the funding level or mechanism for the GA Program.

BACKGROUND:
Per Resolution 97-34, the Board of Supervisors approved the current GA Program Manual. The GA Program is authorized by the California Welfare and Institutions Code, Division 9, Part 5, Sections 17000 through 17410 as well as the County of Nevada Administrative Code, Section A-II 39.6 through 39.14.

Per Resolution 17-541, the Board of Supervisors approved Ordinance No. 2442 which amended Section A-II 39.10 of Article 39 of Chapter II of the Nevada County Administrative Code regarding the method of payment of General Assistance and revised the GA Program Manual to these code sections as written.

The GA Program is a supplemental assistance program for those persons who are ineligible for aid under any federal or state program which is designed to meet all of the applicant/recipient's needs, such as CalWORKs, or the Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP). It is, in large part, an emergency assistance program to be used when other resources are not available or cannot be developed to meet the needs of the applicant(s). Section A-II 39.7 of the County of Nevada Administration Code states, "The General Assistance Program is adopted to assure uniform operations of indigent relief activities throughout the County; to promote,

protect and secure the general welfare of the people thereof, and encourage self-respect, self-reliance, and the desire to be a good citizen, useful to society.”

These proposed changes are temporary and will align with the adjustments and flexibilities CalWORKs is allowing during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Once COVID-19 flexibilities and adjustments cease, the GA manual shall revert to the prior Resolution 17-541.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Mali Dyck, Interim Director of Social Services