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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: September 22, 2020
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: **Rachel Roos**
SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a renewal contract with Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital Foundation for Fall Prevention Services for Nevada County seniors in the maximum amount of \$127,448 for FYs 2020-22.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: These services are funded by Social Services Enhanced Federal funding, and Department Realignment dollars. Contract total is in the amount of \$127,448 (\$63,724 for FY 20/21 and \$63,724 for FY 21/22). There are no county general fund dollars required and the services are within the Department's FY 2020/22 Budget.

BACKGROUND: Under this renewal Agreement, Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital Foundation will provide through its Alzheimer's Outreach Program and Fall Prevention Services to Nevada County seniors.

The goal of this agreement is to provide outreach and services to seniors on how to reduce the risk factors associated with falls and support families impacted by Alzheimer. The causes of falls vary with contributing risk factors including lack of strength in the lower extremities, reduced vision and chronic health problems, and the fear of falling can lead to depression and hopelessness, loss of mobility, and loss of functional independence for seniors.

Nevada County has one of the highest percentages of seniors in California. Approximately 25% of the total population of the County are 65 years of age or older. Falls are the primary cause of nonfatal injury hospitalizations and the vast majority of fall incidents are among seniors.

Services will be offered in close collaboration with the Friendly Visitor Program offered through FREED, Elder Care Provider agencies, Adult Protective Services, and the Public Health Department and trained volunteers.

Contracted services will include a calendar of workshops, classes and events related to falls. The Contractor will maintain and publicize a referral system that allows anyone in the community to refer disabled or older adults through an established phone line at Nevada County Adult Services.

It is recommended that the Board approve this renewal Agreement to continue these vital services which help to reduce the rate of falls for our community seniors.

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