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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: November 12, 2024

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Mike Dent**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a contract with Sierra Roots pertaining to the provision of a warming shelter for Grass Valley and Nevada city in the maximum amount of \$75,000 for the contract term of November 12, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: This contract is funded with County Funding and is included in the Department's FY 24/25 budget. No budget amendment is required and there is no additional impact on the General Fund.

BACKGROUND: Nevada County continues to support and improve shelter operations for our most vulnerable residents. Housing and Community Services released a request for proposal to solicit proposals for shelter and this contract proposes to open a Winter Warming Shelter to provide support to Nevada County residents experiencing homelessness in Grass Valley and Nevada City. The shelter will operate at The Nevada City Veterans building location. Department of Social Services will be assuming oversight of this contract during the contract period. The shelter will provide a clean, safe, sanitary environment for Western County residents experiencing homelessness who need shelter during the winter months for the contract term of November 12, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

This year the contract reflects several key changes based on lessons learned from several years of operations, and direction received at the 2024 Board of Supervisors Workshop. Those changes include the following:

1. Removing the County from decision-making on when to open the shelter and instead allowing Sierra Roots to open as much as possible with the funding available.
2. Training for employees of Nevada County and Nevada City so that staff can help open the shelter in the event that Sierra Roots can't activate on short notice or due to capacity.
3. The County's funding is being amplified by contribution from Nevada City (\$15,000) resulting in more funding available, and thus more days of operation.
4. Notification of Nevada City timely when the shelter is *not* being opened so they can plan accordingly or staff a shelter independently.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Agreement as it will support operation of a winter weather shelter for vulnerable individuals experiencing homelessness in the Western Nevada County area.

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