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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** July 23, 2019

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** **Mike Dent**

**SUBJECT:** Approval of a resolution authorizing the Nevada County Housing and Community Services Division to apply for the Housing for a Healthy California (HHC) Article II Grant to provide rental assistance funds to chronically homeless, high-utilizers of emergency health services.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that this Board approve the attached resolution authorizing Housing and Community Services staff to apply for HHC Article II rental assistance funds.

**FUNDING:** This grant will provide up to \$1,000,000 over five years. A budget amendment will be required if the grant is awarded. There are no General Fund dollars required.

**BACKGROUND:** On May 13<sup>th</sup>, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for approximately \$60 million in Building Homes and Jobs Act (SB 2) Allocation funds for the Housing for a Healthy California (HHC) Program. This funding furthers the goal of AB 74 (Chapter 777, Statutes of 2017) by providing grants to Counties for permanent supportive housing for individuals who are chronically homeless or homeless and a high-cost health user.

The intent of this program is to allow individuals experiencing significant barriers to housing stability to benefit from Supportive housing opportunities while decreasing their utilization of emergency departments, inpatient care, and nursing home stays.

Eligible activities for Article II funds allow for rental assistance and master leasing. If awarded, County Housing and Community Development will utilize the funds to support and expand the Bridges to Housing (B2H) program, extending opportunities to chronically homeless individuals

who utilize emergency services at high rates. The goal is to provide housing as a means to stabilize and receive primary medical care in appropriate settings rather than high cost emergency room visits and prevent high cost hospitalizations and skilled nursing placements.

Applications must be submitted by August 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Item Initiated and Approved by:** Mike Dent, Director of Child Support, Housing and Community Services