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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: November 18, 2025

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Rachel Peña**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution Amendment No. 1 to the renewal contract with Sierra Nevada Children's Services for services related to administration of the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children to decrease the maximum contract price from \$119,109 to \$70,909 (a decrease of \$48,200), and revise Exhibit "B", Schedule of Charges and Payments to reflect the decrease in the maximum contract price for the term of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. (RES. 25-353)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Contract services are funded through State general funds from the California Department of Social Services Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children (Bridge Program) allocation and 1991 Realignment. There are no county general fund dollars required pursuant to this agreement.

BACKGROUND: On July 7, 2025, per Resolution 25-353 the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved execution of the Professional Services Contract with Sierra Nevada Children's Services to increase the number of foster children successfully placed in home-based family care settings. One of the primary barriers for potential families seeking to take in a foster child is the lack of access to childcare immediately following the removal of the child. With the passage of SB 89, resource families that have a child placed with them in an emergency or for a compelling reason are eligible to receive a time-limited monthly payment or vouchers for childcare and a childcare navigator. Childcare programs and providers serving children in the Bridge Program shall be provided with trauma-informed care training and coaching.

This amendment is needed because funding for the Bridge Program at the state level was decreased by \$23 million resulting in a \$48,200 decrease locally which is reflected in Exhibit B. This change took effect on July 1, 2025, as per County Fiscal Letter 25/26-04 dated August 25, 2025.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Amendment as the state funding for this program is no longer sufficient to sustain the original contract amount.

Approved by: Rachel Peña, LCSW Director of Social Services