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Honorable Board of Supervisors  
Eric Rood Administrative Center  
950 Maidu Ave.  
Nevada City, California 95959

**DATE OF MEETING:** June 16, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of a renewal contract (CDSS Agreement Number 15-RCVBL-01115) with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for Agency Adoption Services for the contract term of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 in the maximum amount of \$146,927.

**RECOMMEDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** Services are funded through Realignment dollars and are within the Department's budget. There are no County General Fund dollars required in the Agreement.

**BACKGROUND:** Assembly Bill (AB) 118 (Chapter 40, Statutes of 2011) and ABX1 16 (Chapter 13, Extraordinary Session, Statutes of 2011) realigned the funding for agency adoptions from the State to the local governments and redirected specific tax revenues to fund these services. AB 118 and ABX1 16 realigned a total of \$6 million general fund to the counties who have not had a licensed public adoption agency. As stated in County Fiscal Letter (CFL) Number 11/12-18 dated September 16, 2011, the county specific distribution of the \$6 million general fund were based on a percent to total of each county's specific twelve year average of Child and Family referrals within the California Department of Social Services District Offices that have been providing agency adoption services to these counties.

In consultation with the Child Welfare Director's Association, for those counties opting to contract directly with CDSS for agency adoption services, CDSS will invoice each County on a weekly cost per case basis of \$62 based on the county specific distribution provided in CFL No. 11/12-18. The CDSS will invoice the County quarterly the total cost for each active child case and each family case referred to the District Office for adoptions services. This rate would be claimed up to but not exceeding the amount of the allocation received by that county.

Counties are authorized to contract with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for the provision and administration of agency adoption services pursuant to Government Code

Section 30029.7. Under this renewal Agreement, CDSS will provide Agency Adoption Services under the authority of Welfare and Institutions Code (W&I Code), Section 16130 and in accordance with Title 22 California Code of Regulations (CCR), Sections 35127 through 35239.

CDSS will provide home-finding and placement services including investigation, making assessments and written reports upon petitions for adoptions filed in the Superior Court; acting as a placement agency in the placement of children for adoption, and other functions related to adoptions as deemed necessary. Nevada County and CDSS will coordinate efforts to promote concurrent permanency planning services with the goal of insuring that each child has the most stable home available in which to grow up.

Nevada County is dedicated to building and mending relationships and preparing for permanent families for children. It is recommended that the Board approve this Agreement as it supports youth and families in their goals towards increasing well-being and permanence, while keeping the child safely in the least restrictive environment.

Please contact me if any additional information is required.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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