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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: October 14, 2025

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Justin Drinkwater - Director of Facilities

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the Partnership Agreement for the Collaborative Stakeholder Structure for the Revitalizing Western Nevada County Veterans' Halls project between the County of Nevada, FREED Center for Independent Living in collaboration with Aging and Disability Resource Connection, Gold Country Senior Services (GCSS), and Interfaith Food Ministry of Nevada County and authorizing the Chair of the Board to execute the agreement.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution

FUNDING: All costs associated with the project and partnership activities will be funded through a grant award. There is no General Fund impact associated with this item.

BACKGROUND: In September 2023, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 23-489, directing the submission of a grant application to the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research, through the Strategic Growth Council (SGC), for funding under the Community Resilience Centers (CRC) program.

This competitive grant program is designed to support climate and community resilience by investing in local facilities that can serve as hubs for emergency response, shelter, education, and essential services. Nevada County, acting as the Lead Agency, submitted a joint application with three co-applicants: FREED Center for Independent Living (FREED) in connection with Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC), Gold Country Senior Services (GCSS), and Interfaith Food Ministry (IMF).

On May 3, 2024, the County was notified of a successful award in the amount of \$10 million for the "Revitalizing Western Nevada County Veterans' Halls" project, with \$1,196,900 budgeted for Partner provided services. In April 2025, the Board approved Resolution 25-155, accepting the grant award and authorizing execution of the grant agreement.

The project will revitalize and adapt Western Nevada County Veterans' Halls for dual-purpose use: to provide day-to-day community services and act as resilience centers during emergencies. Funded project elements include:

- Upgrades to accessibility, energy efficiency, and digital connectivity
- Improvements to enable emergency sheltering and food distribution
- Educational programming to support aging, disability, and emergency preparedness

Partner organizations will play a central role in programming, service delivery, and outreach. Their experience and community ties are critical to achieving the CRC program goals. To formalize the collaborative governance and implementation structure, the attached Partnership Agreement outlines:

- Roles and responsibilities of each partner
- Resource commitments and programmatic coordination
- Reporting and compliance requirements under the CRC grant
- Mechanisms for communication, amendment, and decision-making
- Provisions for the County to disburse grant funds to the partner organizations

Execution of this agreement is a requirement of the CRC grant and will ensure timely, accountable, and cooperative delivery of the project.

Approval of this resolution and the attached Partnership Agreement will allow Nevada County and its nonprofit partners to move forward with the implementation of the Revitalizing Veterans' Halls Project, strengthening the region's climate and community resilience infrastructure.

Attachments:

1. Resolution approving the Partnership Agreement for the Collaborative Stakeholder Structure for the Revitalizing Western Nevada County Veterans' Halls project between the County of Nevada, FREED Center for Independent Living in collaboration with Aging and Disability Resource Connection, Gold Country Senior Services (GCSS), and Interfaith Food Ministry of Nevada County and authorizing the Chair of the Board to execute the agreement and all other required documents.
2. Partnership Agreement for the Collaborative Stakeholder Structure for the Revitalizing Western Nevada County Veterans' Halls project.

Item Initiated by: Andy Blakeslee
Approved by: Justin Drinkwater