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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: July 9, 2024

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rachel Peña

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a renewal contract with Alliance for Workforce Development (AFWD), Inc. for the provision of employment services in both Western and Eastern Nevada County in the maximum amount of \$130,000 for the term of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Contract services will be supported by CalWORKs, CalFresh and Medi-Cal administrative funding. Services are within the Department's fiscal year 2024-2025 budget and there are no county general fund dollars required.

BACKGROUND:

Passed in 2014, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act amended and reauthorized the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998. Its purpose is to strengthen the workforce development system through innovation, alignment, and improvement in employment, training, and education programs. The ultimate goal is to promote individual and national economic growth.

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act requires a partnership between the One Stop Operator, AFWD, and the Temporary Aid for Needy Families (TANF) provider, Nevada County Department of Social Services, to make available the partners services in the One Stop building and/or develop a referral process for such services. Making services available through a One Stop delivery system helps streamline processes, ensures accessibility to training, and ensures all client needs are met, including addressing barriers to employment.

Under this contract, AFWD will provide two (2) full-time Resource Specialists serving Grass Valley and Truckee. Some of the contract services to be provided include:

- Job Search Services
- Employment Counseling
- Public Assistance screening and application assistance
- Résumé development and review
- Interviewing assistance
- GED preparation
- Keyboard and 10-key practice, testing, and certification
- Resource booklets and brochures for job seekers
- Labor market data to assist job seekers and clients in career planning
- Printers, phone, and fax services made available to job seekers and social services clients for employment and public assistance needs

It is recommended that the Board approve this renewal contract as the services provided assist participants in learning important skills needed to find and maintain employment, connect customers with local employers to develop our workforce and economic stability, and promote self-sufficiency for CalWORKs clients.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Rachel Peña, LCSW, Director of Social Services