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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: April 14, 2020

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Mike Dent – Housing & Community Services**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of the Standard Agreement No. 20-HCFC-00028 with the State of California Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency to provide support to Continuums of Care, Large Cities, and Counties to protect the health and safety of homeless populations and reduce the spread of the COVID-19 outbreak, in the maximum amount of \$74,408 and Authorizing and Directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the Health and Human Services Agency Housing and Community Services Division's Budget for Fiscal Year 2019/20. (4/5 vote required)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached resolution.

FUNDING: Funds are from an allocation provided by the State of California Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency (BCSHA). A budget amendment is included and requires a 4/5 vote by the Board Members. There are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: In response to the COVID-19 outbreak in California, BCSHA has offered the County of Nevada \$74,408.00 to cover costs of prevention and containment efforts on behalf of homeless residents in Nevada County. Such individuals are at heightened risk of contracting and spreading COVID-19 due to the lack of appropriate dwellings to shelter in place and maintain regular daily hygiene. These funds may be used for a variety of needs including but not limited to temporary shelters (i.e. Hotel and Motel costs, standing up alternative shelter locations), medically indicated services and supplies, such as testing and handwashing stations, and enhancements of existing shelter facilities. The intent of these investments is to allow for

proper social distancing and isolation to comply with quarantine orders to reduce the spread of COVID-19 among the homeless population.

This funding is part of a broader 500-million dollar state allocation authorized by Executive Order N-32-20 granting counties funds with “maximum flexibility” to fight the spread and the COVID virus. 100 million was allocated to Counties and local Continuum of Care (CoC) organizations using the same allocation methodology as the recent Housing and Homeless Assistance Program (HHAP). County staff through participation in the Nevada County CoC have worked to ensure coordination between the County and the CoC to ensure that funds allocated both entities are used in coordination to maximize impact in the Nevada County region. It is noted the Nevada County Regional Continuum of Care has also been allocated \$80,875.91 in funding and will be allocating the fund towards support of local service providers who are working closely with County staff to address this community health concern.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Agreement, as it will provide funding assistance to address critical COVID-19 related issues within the homeless population of Nevada County.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Mike Dent, Director – Housing and Community Services