



# NEVADA COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** January 24, 2017  
**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Mike Dent

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of a renewal Standard Agreement Number 17F-2029 with the State Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) for funding of 2017 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Programs and authorizing the Health and Human Services Agency Director to sign all amendments to the Agreement to allow for receipt of future installments of CSBG funds up to the estimated total maximum amount of \$269,979 for the term of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached resolution.

**FUNDING:** The County annually receives federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds to support local services to low income residents of Nevada County. CSBG grants are allocated on a calendar year basis through a formula set by the State Department of Community Services and Development (CSD). The amount of \$71,651 represents the 2017 funds available to the County based on the Continuing Resolution (CR) through the first quarter. The estimated CSBG award for all agencies is listed in the Agreement's Attachment A - 2017 CSBG Allocation spreadsheet; and for Nevada County this estimated total is \$269,979 for calendar year 2017. The CSBG contract will be amended as additional funds are appropriated. Receipt of funding was anticipated and included in the department's budget. There are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

**BACKGROUND:** As a condition of receipt and distribution of these funds, Nevada County must establish a list of priorities for addressing the needs of low-income residents through the development of a Community Action Plan (CAP). Per Resolution No. 15-276, the Board of Supervisors approved the 2016/17 Nevada County Community Action Plan and authorized its submittal to CSD, which was subsequently approved by the State. The CAP uses public input to develop goals and strategies and prioritize services to promote the goals of self-sufficiency among low income populations in its service area and the Adult & Family Services Commission (AFSC) tripartite board is the designated entity to oversee the planning, implementation and evaluation of CSBG activities.

The CSBG grant is unique in that the funding is discretionary; agencies choose how to spend funding in the most effective and efficient way for their community. A portion of CSBG grant awards are distributed to community non-profit organizations, in an effort to fill the gaps in social services and/or to provide support to existing priority services to eligible residents of Nevada County. The submitted Community Action Plan determined that funding should be directed to improve the conditions of people living in poverty in the following areas: mental health assistance, nutrition, educational attainment, lack of affordable housing, lack of public transportation in rural areas and service connectivity.

It is recommended that the Board approve the attached renewal Agreement as the funding received will be used to sustain services through the upcoming calendar year.

**Item Initiated and Approved by:** Mike Dent, Director of Social Services