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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: May 14, 2024
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: **Mike Dent – Housing & Community Services**
SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with Forging Nevada County Forward extending the expiration date from December 31, 2023 through May 25, 2024, with no change to the maximum amount of the contract.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Contract services are supported by available 2020 Federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding awarded to the County to support the priorities of County's approved Community Action Plan (CAP). Services were anticipated and including in the departments FY 2023-24 budget. There are no County General Fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: On December 5, 2023, per Resolution 23-573, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors authorized the execution of the Professional Services Contract between the County of Nevada and Forging Nevada County Forward supporting a Metal Fabrication Certificate program in support of low-income residents of Nevada County in an effort to increase income in order to provide for their basic needs and obtain self-sufficiency. This was a result of Resolution No. 21-285, where the Board of Supervisors approved the 2022/2023 Nevada County Community Action Plan and authorized its submittal to the State Department of Community Services and Development (CSD). The County was subsequently awarded funds via the State CSBG funding Agreement.

The County in conjunction with the Adult and Family Services Commission (AFSC) issued a Request for Funding (RFF) for Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) dollars to provide funding for community projects which support low-income members of the community as identified in the CAP.

The ability to increase household income is one of the largest barriers for low income individuals to achieve self-sufficiency. Often the lack of or a reduction in household income can lead to homelessness and/or continued chronic financial hardship. On behalf of the low-income residents of Nevada County, Forging Nevada County Forward in partnership with The Curious Forge, LLC, conducted a Metal Fabrication Certificate program which consisted of a 3 day a week, 12-week training program for 8 participants with two courses funded through the CSBG program based on funding availability. The courses took more time than anticipated to start up. However, the first course was successful and a second course is under way. The County received an extension for the funding to ensure success of the course.

It is recommended that the Board approve execution of Amendment No.1 of the agreement with Forging Nevada County Forward extending the expiration date through May 25, 2024, with no change to the maximum amount of the contract in support of low-income residents of Nevada County in an effort to increase income in order to provide for their basic needs and obtain self-sufficiency.

Item Initiated by: Rob Choate, Administrative Services Associate

Approved by: Mike Dent, MPA, Director of Child Support, Housing and Community Services