



# NEVADA COUNTY

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### NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

#### Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** December 17, 2019

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Michael Ertola  
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**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving a memorandum of understanding with the Nevada County Superior Court in the amount of \$311,289 for the implementation of a pretrial pilot program during the period beginning August 9, 2019 and ending December 31, 2021, authorizing the Chief Probation Officer and the Chair of the Board to execute the MOU and associated forms and amend the FY 2019/2020 budget (4/5ths vote required).

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the Resolution.

**FUNDING:** This MOU provides for funding through the Nevada County Superior Court's Judicial Council Pretrial Pilot Grant in amounts of: Year 1: \$183,052 and Year 2: \$128,237 impacting fiscal years 19/20 through 21/22. A budget amendment is required to increase revenues by \$183,052 and subsequently increase related expenditures by \$183,052. No general funds are required.

**BACKGROUND:** In 2019 the Nevada County Superior Court, in conjunction with Nevada County Probation, applied under a grant opportunity through the Judicial Council of California to participate in a pretrial justice pilot program. The state earmarked money for the Judicial Council to launch and evaluate two-year pretrial projects in local trial courts. As directed by the Legislature, the projects aim to increase the safe and efficient release of arrestees before trial; use the least restrictive monitoring practices possible while protecting public safety and ensuring court appearances; validate and expand the use of risk assessment tools; and assess any bias. On August 9, 2019, the Judicial Council awarded funds to 16 pretrial projects in trial courts throughout the state. Nevada County was one of the selected 16 trial courts.

Additionally, the Court has requested the Chief Probation Officer and the Chair of the Board of Supervisors sign both the MOU and the Judicial Council form that authorizes the application and subsequent pretrial justice pilot program award and contract.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Ertola  
Chief Probation Officer

**Item Initiated by:** Angelina Coffey, Administrative Services Officer  
**Approved by:** Michael Ertola, Chief Probation Officer