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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** February 11, 2020

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Phebe Bell

**SUBJECT:** Resolution accepting funds in the amount of \$16,336 for the renewal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Formula Grant Program for FY 2019/20.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** The funding is from Federal Block Grant monies that are allocated to counties through the California Department of Health Care Services. Behavioral Health has been approved to receive \$16,336 for the PATH program which will continue to provide outreach services to mentally ill citizens who are homeless including mentally ill veterans. The continuation of this grant award helps support staff time, and related program expenses. Grant funding was anticipated and is within the department's budget, and there are no county general fund dollars required.

**BACKGROUND:** The Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) program is administered by the Center for Mental Health Services, a component of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), which is one of eight Public Health Service agencies within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The PATH program was authorized by the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of 1990.

For the department's PATH Program, funding will be used towards homeless outreach programs to serve all areas of the County, working with homeless individuals to build connections and trust, helping individuals receive the benefits they are entitled to, secure stable housing, and connect individuals with needed services. Chronically and severely mentally ill homeless clients will be referred for the intake process through Behavioral Health for mental health services as well as connecting these individuals to other key services such as medical care, benefits, social services, housing and employment resources.

It is recommended that the Board approve this funding as PATH funds are used by to help provide outreach services to contact and engage people who are typically disconnected from mainstream resources.

**Item Initiated and Approved by:** Phebe Bell, MSW, Behavior Health Director