



# COUNTY OF NEVADA HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** February 13, 2018

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** **Tex Ritter**

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of Amendment #4 to the 2014 United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) Agreement, extending the ending date of the grant agreement from December 31, 2017 to June 30, 2018 in the maximum amount of \$100,000 and authorize the Director of the Health and Human Services Agency to sign the Amendment on behalf of the County of Nevada.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** In 1949, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) authorized a rural housing grant program under Section 533 of the Housing Act. The Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) Program awards federal funds to organizations for the repair or rehabilitation of low-income housing. The grants are competitive and are made available in areas where there is a concentration of need. This Amendment extends the grant ending date to June 30, 2018, allowing that any remaining unspent grant funds may be used for program activities until that date. The grant maximum of \$100,000 remains unchanged. A budget amendment is not necessary and there are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement

**BACKGROUND:**

Per Resolution No. 14-469, the County entered into an Agreement with the USDA to receive \$100,000 in HPG (Housing Preservation Grant) funds. Per Resolution No. 15-409, the County amended its agreement with the USDA to extend the ending date of the grant to March 31, 2016 in order to spend unspent funds. Two additional amendments were executed to extend the ending date of the grant to December 31, 2016 and then extend the ending date again to December 31, 2017 in order to spend unspent funds. The Amendment before the Board today will extend the end date from December 31, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

The focus of the Housing Preservation Program HPG program is to target very low-income households, and assist in providing safe and sanitary living conditions. These funds are granted to very low-income homeowners to make health and safety related repairs to their homes. Such repairs include new roofs, new HVAC (cooling and heating) systems, foundation repairs, and general interior repairs. Grants range from \$1,000 to \$20,000 with an estimated average grant of

\$10,000 per household. The grant is often used in conjunction with loan funds from the CalHome or other housing program funding as available to help relieve the loan burden or to provide rehabilitation activities outside the maximum loan amount. This program helps preserve Nevada County's affordable housing stock and provides a method of addressing affordable housing.

It is recommended that the Board approve the Amendment, extending ending date of the grant agreement from December 31, 2017 to June 30, 2018, in order to spend unspent funds as it will assist County homeowners who without these grants would not be able to make the needed health and safety repairs to their homes.

**Item Initiated and Approved by:** Tex Ritter, JD, Director of Child Support / Collections/  
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