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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: January 26, 2016

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Tex Ritter**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of the Subrecipient Agreement between the County of Nevada and the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalition (DVSAC) for the *Battered and Abused Spouses Program* in the maximum amount of \$107,912 for the term of December 30, 2015 through September 30, 2016.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Services will be supported by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Income funds as approved by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for program funding. The Contract maximum is \$107,912 for fiscal year 2015/16. Services are within the department's budget and there are no county general funds required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: Per Resolution No. 15-408 the Board approved Amendment 1 to the State Agreement with HCD for additional Community Development Block Grant Funding. The amended state agreement included funding under the Program Project Section to be disbursed in accordance with HCD regulations through the initiation of certain subrecipient agreements. DVSAC was one of the approved subrecipients under this CDBG funding section.

Under this Agreement, DVSAC will increase its current shelter capacity for victims of domestic violence to accommodate up to 12-18 women and children adding an additional 3,650 shelter bed nights during the term of the Agreement. This increase in capacity will be achieved by moving to a larger facility and adding program staff for increased client case management/services. DVSAC will provide eligible victims of domestic violence with supportive services for up to one year which will enable participants to sustain independent living conditions for themselves and their children. Supportive services shall include hiring of staff to ensure that clients have access to emergency shelter, crisis counseling, food, clothing, transportation and access to support groups and therapy.

DVSAC shall conduct outreach through flyers, PSAs (public service announcements), and networking with other local agencies to inform the community of the availability of the Battered and Abused Spouses Program and to increase public awareness regarding the prevalence of family violence.

It is recommended that the Board approve the attached Agreement as the expanded services will help participants to be able to leave an abusive environment, plan for safety for themselves and their children, develop self-esteem and empower clients through counseling and support to progress to independent, abuse free lives.

Please contact me if any additional information is required.

Item Initiated, Approved by: Tex Ritter, Director
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