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

MEETING DATE: November 9, 2021

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rachel Roos

SUBJECT: Resolution approving an increase in the amount not to exceed \$181,129 (for a total authorization of \$1,437,129) and authorizing finalization of services for Great Plates Delivered Program between the County of Nevada and Various Vendors, for Food Service Support to our Senior Community impacted by COVID-19.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Services are funded by the federal and state government through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program.

BACKGROUND:

The Great Plates Delivered Program was a collaboration between California's Office of Emergency Services, Department of Aging, Health & Human Services Agency and California For All. The program was approved by Governor Gavin Newsom on April 24, 2020 in response to the COVID pandemic as a short term support system designed to serve adults 65 and older and adults 60-64 who are at high-risk from COVID-19, in staying home and staying healthy by delivering three (3) nutritious meals a day, and also provide essential economic stimulus to local businesses and workers struggling to stay afloat during the COVID crisis.

Nevada County elected to participate in this program and the Board adopted resolution No. 21-025 to continue services for the Great Plates Program through June 30, 2021 or as expired by the State of California.

Due to the funding being tied to disaster relief, and the unknown duration of COVID-19, HHSA collaborated with the Purchasing Division to develop Invitation to Bid No.142807 to seek new food service providers as a fair opportunity of continuation of the Great Plates Program. During the solicitation the County received notification that the Great Plates Program would no longer be supported by the State of California and discontinuation of the Program would be effective July 9, 2021.

As a result of the discontinuation of the Program the County opted to finish the Program utilizing services with the existing Vendors currently in contract. Those Vendors were: Emily's Catering and Cakes of Grass Valley, CA, Fudenjuce of Nevada City and Kalizsu LLC dba Osorio Kitchen of Grass Valley, CA.

This program supported a weekly average of 55 residents and provided 83,724 meals. Total cost of the program through July 9, 2021 was \$1,437,129. Resolution No. 21-025 approved the total program cost of \$1,256,000 and the continuation of the program incurred and additional cost of \$181,129 which is being requested for approval in this Board action.

Initially the program was funded through a combination of County General Fund, County Coronavirus Relief Funds, State CDAA and FEMA Public Assistance. On January 21, 2021 the White House issued a memorandum to extend federal support to increase reimbursement to the states. That guidance was further clarified by the Governor's statement on increased federal support for emergency feeding programs on February 5, 2021. As a result, the Great Plates program became eligible for 100% FEMA PA reimbursement. It is anticipated that the County will be fully reimbursed for the costs associated with this program, including the initial \$31,000 General Fund contribution for a portion of the original local match requirement. The County has submitted FEMA claims for reimbursement of \$1,256,000 and will submit a final claim for all remaining amounts in November 2021.

The State established the Great Plates Program as a short term solution effective May 2020 and expired on July 9, 2021. Purchasing Policy section 7.1 (F) which states, that Board approval is required for Contract Amendments greater than 10% of the Board approved amount. The requested increase of \$181,129 exceeds the 10%. Therefore, Board approval is required.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Rachel Roos, LCSW Director of Social Services