



NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: March 10, 2026

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Justin Drinkwater – Director of Facilities**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving plans and specifications for the construction of underground utility infrastructure for the development of the Nevada County Psychiatric Health Facility, located at 935 Maidu Avenue, Nevada City, California, approving the bid documents and authorizing the County Purchasing Agent to solicit bids, and authorizing Purchasing Agent to execute a Contract with the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder and to execute any additional documents required for the project, in an amount not to exceed engineer’s estimate of \$187,500, plus a 10% contingency and directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the Behavioral Health Department’s budget for Fiscal Year 2025/26 (4/5 affirmative vote required).

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution

FUNDING: The estimated cost for the utility improvements is \$187,500, plus a contingency of 10%, which will be paid from the Behavioral Health Fiscal Year 25-26 budget. A budget amendment is not required, and no general fund dollars are required to support this project.

BACKGROUND: On November 12, 2024, per Resolution 24-592, the Board of Supervisors authorized Nevada County Behavioral Health to apply for a BHCIP grant for an inpatient treatment facility, a critical missing piece in our local continuum of care. On May 6, 2025, Nevada County Behavioral Health was conditionally awarded the grant of \$23,713,908 to construct a 16-bed inpatient facility offering two levels of care: psychiatric health facility (PHF) and mental health rehabilitation center (MHRC). Behavioral Health (BH) realignment and Patient Care revenue funds currently residing in fund balance will be used to meet the required cash match of \$1,935,859 to the BHCIP funds. This use of funds was affirmed by the Board with the Board’s approval of Resolution 24-592 which authorized the application including the match requirement.

The site of the proposed Psychiatric Health Facility is an unimproved parcel located adjacent to Wayne Brown Correctional Facility, at 935 Maidu Avenue, Nevada City, CA, there is no utility infrastructure at the site. This project will extend existing underground infrastructure from the County Government Center to the site of the new Psychiatric Health Facility. These utility improvements increase the value of the land that is part of the County’s share in the cost of the grant funded Psychiatric Health Facility.

The estimated cost for the utility improvements is \$187,500.

Due to the expedited nature of the Design Build approach for construction of the Psychiatric Health Facility approval is being requested to advertise the Bid for utility improvements and award of Contract to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder so long as their cost does not exceed the engineer's estimate of \$187,500.

Public Contract Code section 20150.12 required Board approval of Public Work projects which exceed \$10,000. In addition, Board approval is required for all Contracts above \$50,000.

Item Initiated by: Pat Souza

Approved by: Justin Drinkwater