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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 28, 2022

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mike Dent – Housing & Community Services

SUBJECT: Update on Efforts to Address Homelessness in Nevada County.

RECOMMENDATION: Accept the Nevada County Housing and Community Services

Presentation to the Board.

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND: This item is an informational presentation to the Nevada County Board of Supervisor on the draft Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness, also known as the Homeless Action Plan. No action is required of this Board except to receive the presentation in open session and provide the public an opportunity to provide comment.

Pursuant to California Assembly Bill No. 140, Counties and Continuum of Care (CoC) organizations around the state are required to develop a local Homeless Action Plan to be eligible to receive allocated Homelessness Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) funds. HHAP program funds have become a cornerstone funding source for homelessness and housing efforts for communities across the state. Round 1 and 2 injected nearly one billion dollars in state funding to support homeless and housing programs. In 2021, the state announced HHAP Round 3 funds totaling \$1 billion and will be releasing notice of Round 4 funds later this summer.

To streamline the application process and bring unity to local homelessness and housing planning efforts, the Homeless Action Plan will be a joint plan with the Nevada County Regional Continuum of Care (NCRCoC). A single uniform plan that joins the NCRCoC and the County in efforts to reduce homelessness will provide an opportunity to set shared funding priorities for HHAP Round 3 and 4 allocations, leverage additional funds available to each entity, fund

program and projects vital to achieving measurable goals, coordinate planning and implementation, and ensure uniform reporting towards shared measurable outcomes in line with state guidance.

The draft Nevada County – NCRCoC Joint Homeless Action Plan consists of three elements:

- 1. A local landscape analysis that utilizes annual Point In Time count data, Coordinated Entry System data to provide an analysis of current trends in the number of people experiencing homelessness and programs level data assessing what services have been accessed and demographic characteristics of households services.
- 2. An analysis of current funding being used to address homelessness and housing within the jurisdiction.
- 3. A description of the Joint Nevada County and CoC Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness (an update to the County's previous plan) including specific and measurable outcome goals for preventing and reducing homelessness over the three-year period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

This presentation will:

- Introduce and provide an overview for the draft joint Homeless Action Plan framework including an overview of the data used to identify gaps and select strategic priorities.
- Provide insight into the outcome and measurements to be used to track and report on the plan over FY 2021-22 through FY 2023-24.
- Provide for public comment on the draft plan's objectives.
- Meet the State requirement for a public review of the plan with stakeholders and constituents and receive comment on its contents prior to submission of the final plan to the State for approval.

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