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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: December 13, 2022

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rachel Pena- Social Services

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Amendment No. 1 to the renewal Contract with FREED Independent Living Center, D/B/A FREED for funding to administer the SOARWorks program to eligible clients to increase the maximum contract price from \$100,000 to \$393,000 (an increase of \$293,000), revise Exhibit "A", Schedule of Services to reflect project outcomes and deliverables and revise Exhibit "B", Schedule of Charges and Payments to reflect the increase in the maximum contract price for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 (RES. 22-475)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Under this Agreement, up to \$393,000 is being committed to FREED for FY 22/23. Funds will be used to serve Housing and Disability Advocacy eligible participants. The program will be funded by Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP) funds.

BACKGROUND: According to the National Health Care for the Homeless Council, people with disabilities constitute 40% of the homeless population. Approximately half of the people experiencing homelessness suffer from a mental health issue, according to the National Alliance to End Homelessness. Mental and physical health problems are exacerbated by the ongoing stress and associated trauma from living on the streets and/or in homeless shelters.

FREED has been providing services to persons with disabilities in Nevada County since

1985. FREED's mission is to promote independence and self-determination for people with disabilities through person-driven services, collaborative community partnerships and education, and leadership that advocates for fully inclusive communities.

On September 13 2022, per Resolution 22-475, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved execution of the Professional Services Contract with FREED. Since 2018, FREED has provided contracted services to Nevada County residents under through the SOARWorks program. In that time FREED has established itself as one of the state's best HHAP programs. The Program provides specialized case management aimed at assisting households experiencing homelessness in gaining income as well as post housing supports to ensure that households can retain their housing and that the housing is suitable for persons living with disabilities. Consistent with the core components of Housing First, Contractor will work in collaboration with the Continuum of Care and the Coordinated Entry System to ensure populations with the highest needs are given the highest priority and are able to access SOARWorks services.

The amendment utilizes allocated funding from the California State Department of Social Services released in the All-County Welfare Directors Letter dated September 21st 2022. Moving the contract from Housing and Community Services to Social Services. It also amends deliverables by expanding the numbers served in the program due to the additional funding.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Amendment as it will assist vulnerable County residents experiencing homelessness in accessing social security benefits and housing assistance.

Item Initiated by: Brendan Phillips, Program Manager

Approved by: Rachel Pena, Director of Social Services