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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: March 28, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mike Dent – Housing & Community Services

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a sub-recipient agreement with Freed Center for Independent Living (FREED) as awarded through the Community Development Block Grant Standard Agreement 21-CDBG-HA-00002 the maximum amount of \$325,000 through June 30, 2025 and authorizing and directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the Housing and Community Services budget for fiscal year 2022/2023. (4/5 Vote Required)

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution.

<u>FUNDING</u>: Funding for this project will be paid from the Housing and Community Services Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget in the maximum amount of \$325,000. There is no impact on the General Fund. A budget amendment is required and is included with this item (4/5 vote required).

BACKGROUND: Per previous Board action, on April 13, 2021, per Resolution 21-094, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved the submission of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The Health and Human Service Agency through its Housing and Community Services Division (HCS) has been awarded \$350,000 in CDBG funding of which \$325,000 is allocated to FREED.

Funding under this award will be used by FREED to provide minor home repairs and modifications to support low-income persons with disabilities and/or seniors to remain independently in their homes. FREED has operated home repair/modification programs for more than 23 years. As a sub-recipient through the County of Nevada, FREED's Fix-It Program will provide reasonable accessibility modifications to low and moderate income individuals with

disabilities including seniors who are living in Nevada County. This program will assist individuals with disabilities, including seniors, to maintain affordable and accessible housing. The goal being that they can remain living safely and independently in their homes. The target population will be people with disabilities, as defined by HUD, who are extremely low or very low-income, including seniors. By providing home modifications to this limited population, low-income households with people with disabilities, individuals can maintain their independence in their community and avoid having to leave their homes for costlier institutional services.

The Housing and Community Division recommends the approval of this resolution.

Item Initiated and Approved by:

Mike Dent, MPA, Director of Child Support,
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