

NEVADA COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: January 24, 2017

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mike Dent

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of Amendment #3 to the renewal Agreement Number 16F-5029 with the State Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) for Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) extending the contract termination date from December 31, 2016 to May 31, 2017 and replacing Article 6 and 425 Budget Series forms in their entirety, in the maximum amount of \$269,979.

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The County annually receives federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds to support local services to low income residents of Nevada County. Funds are discretionary and CSBG grants are allocated on a calendar year basis through a formula set by the State Department of Community Services and Development (CSD). Receipt of funding was anticipated and included in the department's budget. There are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: As a condition of receipt and distribution of these funds, Nevada County must establish a list of priorities for addressing the needs of low-income residents through the development of a Community Action Plan (CAP). Per Resolution No. 15-276, the Board of Supervisors approved the 2016/17 Nevada County Community Action Plan and authorized its submittal to CSD, which was subsequently approved by the State. The CAP uses public input to develop goals and strategies and prioritize services to promote the goals of self-sufficiency among low income populations in its service area and the Adult & Family Services Commission (AFSC) tripartite board is the designated entity to oversee the planning, implementation and evaluation of CSBG activities.

The CSBG grant is unique in that the funding is discretionary; agencies choose how to spend funding in the most effective and efficient way for their community. A portion of CSBG grant

awards are distributed to community non-profit organizations, in an effort to fill the gaps in social services and/or to provide support to existing priority services to eligible residents of Nevada County. The submitted Community Action Plan determined that funding should be directed to improve the conditions of people living in poverty in the following areas: mental health assistance, nutrition, educational attainment, lack of affordable housing, lack of public transportation in rural areas and service connectivity.

It is recommended that the Board approve the attached Amendment which extends the contract termination date from December 31, 2016 to May 31, 2017 to allow additional time for the funding to be used to sustain services.

Please contact me if any additional information is required.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Mike Dent, Director of Social Services