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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: October 24, 2017

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mike Dent

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a renewal Standard Agreement Number 18F-5029 with the State Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) for funding of 2018 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Programs and authorizing the Health and Human Services Agency Director to sign any required documents associated with CSD quarterly notifications / allocations of CSBG funds up to the estimated total maximum amount of \$267,580 for the term of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

RECOMMENDATION: 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. CSBG grants are allocated on a calendar year basis through a formula set by the State Department of Community Services and Development (CSD). The estimated CSBG award for all agencies is listed in the Agreement's Attachment A - 2018 CSBG Allocation spreadsheet. Per the spreadsheet, the estimated total calendar year 2018 amount for Nevada County is \$267,580 with a 25% advance available in the amount of \$66,895. As part of CSD's efforts to streamline the contract process, as funds are appropriated, CSD will release a notification sanctioning the available amount to be expended for each quarter rather than issuing a contract amendment with every quarterly award letter as was the process in the past. 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. 17-273, the Board of Supervisors approved the 2018/19 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: affordable housing, food/nutrition, access to mainstream benefits and transportation.

It is recommended that the Board approve the attached renewal Agreement as the funding received will be used to sustain services through the upcoming calendar year.

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