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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 26, 2018

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Michael Heggarty**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funded Contract with Foothill House of Hospitality d/b/a Hospitality House related to providing low income homeless members of the community with transportation in order to connect with mainstream benefits, in the maximum amount of \$28,356 for the term of July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Contract services are supported by available 2018 Federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding awarded to the County to support the priorities of the County's approved Community Action Plan (CAP). There are no County General Fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: Per Resolution No. 17-273, the Board of Supervisors approved the 2018/19 Nevada County Community Action Plan and authorized its submittal to the State Department of Community Services and Development (CSD). The County was subsequently awarded funds via the State CSBG funding Agreement.

The County in conjunction with the Adult and Family Services Commission (AFSC) issued a Request for Funding (RFF) for Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) dollars to provide funding for community projects which support low income members of the community as identified in the CAP.

A lack of transportation options is one of the largest barriers for low income individuals in accessing mainstream benefits. Often the lack of access to mainstream benefits can lead to homelessness and/or continued chronic homelessness. Hospitality House through their Homeless

Access Transport (HAT) program will provide low income homeless individuals of the community with access to mainstream benefits by supplying transportation in order to gain assistance from agencies such as Social Services, Mental Health, food banks, Public Health, etc. HAT will also provide support to those seeking housing assistance. Hospitality House estimates that it will be able to assist 500 clients annually.

The HAT program will consist of Hospitality House purchasing a multi-passenger vehicle with non-CSBG (Community Services Block Grant) funds. CSBG funding will provide for direct program cost consisting of a community liaison driver, vehicle insurance, maintenance, registration and fuel.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Agreement as it will allow Hospitality House to increase access to mainstream benefits for low income members of the community that otherwise would continue to strive to obtain services that provide for their basic needs.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Michael Heggarty, Director of Health and Human Services