



# COUNTY OF NEVADA HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Board Agenda Memo

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**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 FREED Center for Independent Living related to assisting low income members of the community with accessing and maintaining affordable and accessible housing, in the maximum amount of \$72,644 for the term of July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019.

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**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. A budget amendment is required and will be included in the first Countywide Budget Amendment.

**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.

The inability to find or sustain stable housing often places greater financial strains on low income individuals and the community. Housing instability particularly affects the elderly and disabled.

Fifty-four percent of adults over age 65 live below 200% of federal poverty, and people with disabilities are twice as likely as others to live in poverty. The FREED Housing Coordination (FHC) program will implement specific housing strategies that allow low income members of the community to access and maintain affordable and accessible housing. FHC will target older adults and people with disabilities within the low income sector of the County to enable them to live independently and reduce costs associated with unnecessary institutionalization, homelessness, and hospitalization. Under this agreement, low income residents with disabilities and older adults will have increased housing stability through skill building and access to affordable accessible housing. FHC will implement educational workshops, one-on-one case management and provide direct assistance to support vulnerable individuals' housing needs.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Agreement as it will allow FREED Center for Independent Living to increase the ability of low income members of the community to access and maintain affordable accessible housing.

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