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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 Project MANA related to providing low income members of the community within the eastern region of the County with fresh nutrient dense foods through the use of a weekly mobile food pantry, in the maximum amount of \$10,000 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). This item is budgeted in the Housing and Community Services Administration budget for 18/19 and no budget amendment is required. 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) funding for community projects which support low income members of the community as identified in the CAP.

Nearly 10% of North Lake Tahoe/Truckee residents live below the poverty level and 1 in 7 experience hunger, according to the North Tahoe/Truckee Community Report Card and Placer Food Bank. Food insecurity is comprised of not only limited access to enough food, but also

limited access to nutritious food. However food is routinely the last basic need considered within a low-income household's budget, and the North Lake Tahoe/Truckee region's high food costs force many households to either buy less food or cut food costs where they can. These cuts often come at the expense of food quality, given the lower price of processed, packaged food items that contain little nutritional value compared to fresher, more nutrient dense foods, which can lead to a host of negative health consequences such as obesity and diabetes. Project MANA provides services intended to meet short term needs on a temporary/emergency basis; although 41% of Project MANA's clients indicate they will need assistance indefinitely.

Project MANA, through the Food Distribution program, aims to mitigate the adverse health outcomes that can result from malnutrition and nutrient deficiency by providing individuals with both adequate and nutritious food choices (e.g. low calorie, nutrient packed fresh fruits and vegetables).

The Food Distribution program will consist of the Contractor providing low income residents within the eastern portion of Nevada County with fresh nutrient dense foods through the use of a weekly mobile food pantry. The Contractor anticipates serving 800 individuals through the term of the agreement.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Agreement as it will allow Project MANA to provide low income members of the community within the eastern region of the County with fresh nutrient dense foods.

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