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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 Personal Services Contract with Thurmond Consulting, LLC related to the development of a 10 year plan to address homelessness in Nevada County, in the maximum amount of \$10,800 for the term of July 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: This contract is supported by state No Place Like Home Planning and Technical Assistance grant funds. Services are within the Health and Human Service Agency Administration FY 2018/19 budget and no budget amendment is required and there are no county general fund dollars required in the agreement.

BACKGROUND: Since 2014, Nevada County has worked with the Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras (HRCS), in a Continuum of Care (CoC) to reduce the number of persons who are homeless, or at the risk of homelessness, in Nevada County. This collaboration has directed a significant amount of resources and services toward addressing the problem of homelessness. The development of a strategic plan will establish goals and priorities and allow the CoC to focus its energy and resources efficiently and effectively. Annually, HRCS submits a CoC application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for renewal funding of existing programs. A current homeless service strategic plan will help increase the County's score for this competitive application.

Approximately 500 million dollars in new homeless and housing funding statewide is anticipated over the next two years, with an estimated 42 million dollars set aside for small counties. Among these funds the No Place Like Home initiative is expected to become available at the end of this year with funding from Senate Bill 2 becoming available in 2019. In order to qualify for No Place

Like Home funding the County will be required to submit a strategic plan that specifies the goals, strategies, and activities the County proposes to reduce and prevent homelessness. In order to accomplish this the County applied for and was awarded a Planning and Technical Assistance grant through the No Place Like Home initiative. Upon completion of the Homelessness Strategic Plan the Health and Human Services Agency will present it to the Nevada County Board of Supervisors for approval.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Agreement as it will allow to the development of a 10 year plan to address homelessness in Nevada County.

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