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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: March 12, 2019

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Phebe Bell

**SUBJECT:** Resolution accepting the renewal Continuum of Care Program Grant Award Number CA0978L9T151703 with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for funding for the Winters' Haven Project in the maximum amount of \$40,580 with the Award commencing as of the date of execution by HUD for the performance period of December 1, 2018 through November 30, 2019.

**<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>**: Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** The grant funding provided under this Award is from Federal dollars provided through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and as Governed by Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and the Continuum of Care Program rule. The County's project will provide permanent supportive housing to five (5) individual adults who are homeless and enrolled in or eligible for Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Full-Service Partnership (FSP) services. Grant funds will be used for rental assistance vouchers for five units of project-based rentals. The funding requirement of the grant requires a 25 percent match. The department will use Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and other department funds to provide the required 25 percent cash or in-kind match. There are no county general funds required in the Agreement.

## **BACKGROUND**:

In 2010, the Nevada County Homeless Coordinating Council and the Placer Consortium on Homelessness agreed to merge and become the Nevada-Placer Continuum of Care (CoC), Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras (HRCS), a practice encouraged by HUD, in order to achieve improved coordination of services, and more efficient resource allocation and regional planning to address homelessness. The CoC submitted and was successful applicant to receive Continuum of Care Program grant funds to be used for supportive housing as a part of Nevada County's Winters' Haven Project.

Per Resolution No. 11-202, the Board approved the MOU with Nevada County Housing Development Corporation related to the financing and delineation of responsibilities for the MHSA Supportive Housing Project known as Winters' Haven Shared Housing Project. Nevada County Housing Development Corporation is the property developer/owner and property manager and Behavioral Health is the supportive services provider.

This Project will continue to provide permanent supportive housing to a minimum of five (5) individuals who are homeless and eligible for Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Full-Service Partnership (FSP) services. Adult individuals enrolled in MHSA have severe mental illness and require intensive case management services in order to reintegrate into the community. Individuals are provided a range of support services from medication management, therapy, independent living skills, educational/vocational, and linkages to community services, etc. These services range in frequency from daily to monthly. The types of services are determined by the particular client's needs and the goal of services is to support residents in maintaining their housing. Operation of the project will be a partnership between Nevada County, Winters' Haven (Nevada County Housing Development Corporation) and Turning Point Community Services as the contracted agency that will be provide the Full–Service Partnership MHSA services to clients served under this program.

It is recommended that the Board accept the Continuum of Care Program Grant Award, and approve the corresponding Continuum of Care Program Scope of Work that constitutes the grant award's performance terms between the County and HUD, as this will continue to provide rental assistance funding to support safe, affordable, permanent supportive housing for community members with mental illness in Nevada County.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Phebe Bell, MSW, Behavioral Health Director