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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** **Mike Dent**

**SUBJECT:** Approval of a grant revenue agreement between Nevada County and the Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras (HRCS) for \$50,000 in Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) funds.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends that this Board approve the attached resolution authorizing a grant revenue agreement with HRCS to bring highly flexible housing funds to the County and allow those funds to be used by housing providers to house the county's most vulnerable homeless residents.

**FUNDING:** This is a revenue contract for \$50,000 in HEAP funds

### **BACKGROUND:**

On September 5, 2018, the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC) made available \$500 million in funding to address homelessness through the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). The funds were authorized by SB 850, and signed into law by Governor Brown on June 27, 2018. The funding amounts were allocated to Continuum of Care (CoC) organizations across the state based on the 2017 Point in Time count numbers for each CoC. The Placer and Nevada joint CoC (HRCS) received \$2.7 million in HEAP funding. Of that total amount, \$1.063 million was directed to the Nevada County Continuum of Care.

HEAP guidelines required that CoCs establish an open and transparent process to decide the amount of funds to be distributed to programs or projects within the CoC. The HRCS board voted to allow each County's CoC to develop its own internal process to distribute the allocated funds. The Nevada County Continuum of Care created threshold guidelines and used a consensus process to decide what specific projects and programs to fund.

Nevada County Housing and Community Services staff recommended using \$50,000 of HEAP funding to create a flexible housing fund. The funds will be administered by County Housing and Community Services and made available to County housing programs and contracted housing providers. Flexible housing funds can be used to acquire, stabilize, and maintain housing for the County's most vulnerable homeless residents. Specific uses include but are not limited to: deposits, first and last month rents, landlord mitigation, homelessness prevention, master leasing, utilities, and unit maintenance.

The Nevada County CoC accepted staff recommendations for a flexible housing fund program. The program joined other final funding recommendations that were then submitted to HRCS for final approval and submission to the HCFC. On February 13, 2019, the HRCS board voted to approve the Nevada County CoC proposals for HEAP funding. In April 2019, HCFC accepted the HRCS funding recommendations and allocated HEAP funds to HRCS. Pursuant to this \$50,000 Grant Revenue Agreement, the County will utilize HEAP funds to provide flexible housing assistance to the most vulnerable individuals experiencing homelessness, and coordinate support services with other partner agencies, as appropriate. This agreement is the final step to receive fund for the flexible housing funds program

**Item Initiated and Approved by:** Mike Dent, Director of Child Support, Housing and Community Services