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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: August 13, 2019

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Jill Blake**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving Grant Agreement Number 19-10359 with the California Department of Public Health for funding Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) services (CFDA#10.561) in an amount not to exceed \$450,000 for the term of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: California SNAP-Ed is federally funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and administered at the state level by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and the California Department of Public Health's (CDPHs) *Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Branch*. Funding levels fluctuate annually dependent on the availability of additional carry over monies, and the amount of federal funds the USDA allocates to California for program funding. Under this Agreement, the County has been approved to receive continuation of funding in the amount of \$150,000 for Federal Fiscal Year 2019/20 for Public Health's *Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention (NEOP) Project*, and up to \$450,000 for the entire three-year term. Funding is included in the Department's FY 19-20 budget and no budget amendment is required. There are no County general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: The California Department of Public Health, in conjunction with the California Department of Social Services, is continuing to fund local health departments throughout California. This funding initiative stems from the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed). Funding is provided to selected counties for improving community nutrition education and to carry out a set of nutritional activities that will serve local eligible low income populations. Last year, Public Health applied for and was a successful applicant to receive funding for three years for the County's program. Funds received by the department are used to support program related personnel costs, operating expenses, subcontractors, trainings materials, and indirect costs.

The goal of this program is to create innovative partnerships that will assist eligible community members in understanding the importance of and adopting healthy eating and physical activity behaviors, as part of a healthy lifestyle. The County's program continues to work towards further improvement of a comprehensive public health nutrition program to promote the established Dietary Guidelines, and to increase fruit and vegetable consumption and physical activity for individuals who are eligible for CalFresh. Services are directed towards improving community nutritional knowledge and access to healthy foods, as well as promoting daily physical activity to priority population groups. This program will continue to build new and support existing community partnerships and work toward effective and evidence-based policy, systems and environmental changes that focus on reducing obesity. In addition, this program will continue to provide education focused on nutrition and physical activity, as well as working with community partners to improve the access to healthy foods and physical activity for CalFresh eligible residents. This includes nutrition education classes, physical activity classes, and promotional activities, and as such the program will continue to participate in various groups and councils focused on supporting existing systems, exploring further enhancements for improving healthy food availability, increasing and ensuring consistent nutrition messages community-wide, and working towards better health outcomes for the program's priority population.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Agreement as it will provide continuation of an important funding source to promote healthy lifestyle choices that can help reduce health risk associated with poor nutrition and limited physical exercise for residents of Nevada County.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Jill Blake, MPA, Director of Public Health