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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** August 13, 2019

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Phebe Bell

**SUBJECT:** Resolution accepting a Proposition 47 Grant Award in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the provision of services for programs and initiatives that provide mental health services, substance-use disorder treatment, and/or diversion programs for individuals in the criminal justice system during the period August 15, 2019 through May 15, 2023 and authorizes and direct the Auditor-Controller to amend Behavioral Health Department's Budget for FY 2019/2020.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** The County has been awarded Proposition 47 Grant funds in the amount of \$1,000,000. This resolution accepts \$1,000,000 for Fiscal Years 2019/20 through 2022/23. There are no general fund dollars required in the Agreement. A budget amendment is included with this item. A 4/5 vote by the Board is required.

**BACKGROUND:**

Proposition 47 was a voter-approved initiative on the November 2014 ballot that reduced specified low-level drug and property crimes from felonies to misdemeanors and directs state savings to programs primarily focused on mental health and substance-use disorder treatment.

Proposition 47 requires that these funds be awarded to public agencies to provide mental health services, substance use disorder treatment and/or diversion programs for those in the criminal justice system. Additional legislation (AB 1056, Chap. 438, Stats. of 2015) requires that the grants be awarded competitively, and specifies that funds may be used for housing-related assistance and other community-based supportive services, including job skills training, case management or civil legal services. Nevada County was one of 23 projects to be awarded a grant in a competitive process that involved requests for almost \$200 million in funding.

The Nevada County Behavioral Health Department, and its dedicated community service partners, will utilize Prop 47 funding to expand and enhance the existing Homeless Outreach and Medical Engagement (HOME) Team. The Team will meet the needs of a traditionally service resistant cohort of justice involved, homeless individuals who present with a myriad of untreated behavioral health, substance use and physical health needs. The overarching goal of the Project is to reduce recidivism and conserve community resources by diverting this population from jail into mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) treatment, with targeted housing supports. Specifically, these funds will support more outreach and engagement of people with a long history of arrests and minor crimes that are primarily the result of their mental illness and substance use disorder. Specific strategies the mobile Team will utilize include: homeless outreach, building rapport through Motivational Interviewing and other engagement strategies; connecting individuals to trauma informed mental health services; and providing screenings and access to substance use disorder assessments and treatment. In addition, this grant will fund new master-leased supportive housing, as well as rental assistance which will allow the Team to quickly link individuals to stable living environments and legal support.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Agreement as it provides funding for programs and initiatives that provide mental health services, substance-use disorder treatment, and/or diversion programs for individuals in the criminal justice system.

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