

NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: September 10, 2019 TO: **Board of Supervisors** FROM: **Phebe Bell SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of Amendment No. 1 to the Personal Services Contract with Foothill House of Hospitality, d/b/a Hospitality House for the provision of Homeless Outreach, Access and Linkage to Treatment Services, increasing the maximum Contract Amount to \$276,520 for FY 19/20 (an increase of \$51,725), revising Exhibit "A" Schedule of Services to reflect a change in staffing and rental assistance, and revising Exhibit "B" Schedule of Charges and Payments to reflect the increase in the maximum Contract price and authorizes and directs the Auditor-Controller to amend the Housing and Community Services Budget for Fiscal Year 2019/20.

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

<u>FUNDING</u>: Services are funded by Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) monies the Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH), Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals, Proposition 47, and the Homeless Emergency Assistance Program. There are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

A budget amendment is required for FY 2019/20 and is included with this item (4/5 vote required).

BACKGROUND:

This is an amendment to the contract with Foothill House of Hospitality, d/b/a Hospitality House. Hospitality House provides Homeless Outreach, Access, and Linkage to Treatment

Services. The existing contract covers services provided by an Outreach Case Manager, a Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor, and a part-time Housing Specialist.

Since entering the existing contract with Hospitality House, Nevada County has been awarded \$1,000,000 in Proposition 47 grant funds as well as \$50,000 in Homeless Emergency Assistance Program funds. In order to enhance the services already in place through this contract, funding from those grants will be used to add direct rental assistance and to increase the Housing Specialist to a forty-hour per week position.

HEAP rental assistance will be provided to the most vulnerable individuals experiencing homelessness. The funds can be used for first and last month's rent, deposits, landlord mitigation, time-limited hotel/motel stays, and other 'whatever it takes' activities deemed appropriate by case management staff to help clients acquire and retain housing.

Proposition 47 rental assistance will be provided to those experiencing chronic homelessness who have been identified as 'chronic reoffenders' with high rates of recidivism or criminal justice involvement. The funds can be used for first and last month's rent, deposits, landlord mitigation, and time-limited hotel/motel stays when tied to a housing plan.

It is recommended that the Board approve this agreement as it promotes critical linkages and outreach to intervene and coordinate care for an underserved segment of our county population.

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