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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: May 12, 2020

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Mike Dent**

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the County of Nevada Health and Human Services Agency to enter into an agreement with the Regional Housing Authority (RHA) to provide RHA an unsecured \$50,000 loan of Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment Program funds to secure permanent affordable housing within the proposed Cashin FIELDS Development.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The contract is supported by Department of Health Care Services Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment Program (HMIOT) funds received by Behavioral Health. The contract is within the Behavioral Health Department's FY 2019/20 budget and there are no county general fund dollars required.

BACKGROUND: The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) announced the availability for one-time funding for the Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment Program (HMIOT) on July 31, 2018, under SB 840. Through the non-competitive allocation available to all California counties, Nevada County was allocated \$100,000 for the HMIOT program with the requirement that all funding must be fully expended by June 30, 2020. Nevada County submitted a letter of intent to utilize the funds for the purposes outlined in the provisions of SB 840 by serving individuals with severe mental illness currently experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless. The County of Nevada Board of Supervisors authorized the acceptance of these funds on September 11, 2018, per resolution 18-453.

The Regional Housing Authority (RHA) is seeking to assist in the development of a proposed sixty-six-unit affordable housing project located in Nevada City, titled Cashin Fields. In order to facilitate the development of the project RHA has approached Nevada County with a request to provide funding for the project. The Regional Housing Authority (RHA) to ensure that one unit within the project will provide affordable housing for individuals with serious mental illness and who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Nevada County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) is seeking authorization to provide \$50,000 in Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment Program funds to support the development of the Cashin Field project. These funds will be provided in the form of an unsecured loan, at an interest rate of 3% per annum which will be forgiven, principle and interest, upon the Developer fulfilling the commitment to provide the agreed upon affordable housing unit for at least five years from the date of occupancy. Further HHSA is requesting that the Board authorize immaterial changes to the attached documents as approved by County Counsel and/or the County Chief Executive Officer.

It is recommended that the Board the Resolution.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Mike Dent, Director of Housing & Community Services