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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** May 12, 2020

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** **Mike Dent – Housing & Community Services**

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of the Standard Agreement No. 20-HHAP-00028 between the State of California Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency's Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council and the County of Nevada to provide \$452,905 in funding to the County to support County strategic objectives to address homelessness in the region and Authorizing and Directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the Health and Human Services Agency Housing and Community Services Division's Budget for Fiscal Year 2019/20. (4/5 vote required)

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached resolution.

**FUNDING:** Funds are from an allocation provided by the State of California Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency's (BCSHA) Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC). Funds are to be fully expended by June 30, 2025. A budget amendment is included and requires a 4/5 vote by the Board Members. There are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

**BACKGROUND:** On December 6, 2019, The Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC) announced the availability of Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) grant funding. HHAP is a \$650 million block grant program designed to support regional coordination and expand or develop local capacity to address immediate homelessness challenges throughout the state. Spending must be informed by a best-practices framework focused on moving homeless individuals and families into permanent housing and ensuring those individuals and families to maintain their permanent housing. HHAP was authorized by AB 101 (Committee on Budget, Chapter 159, Statutes of 2019), which was signed into law by Governor

Gavin Newsom on July 31, 2019, and codified in the California Health and Safety Code, commencing with section 50216.

HHAP funding was provided to local communities through direct allocations to Counties and Continuum of Care (CoC) organizations, with the County receiving \$452,905 and the CoC receiving \$500,000. HHAP application guidelines required coordination between Counties and CoC's to establish funding priorities, goals and measurable outcomes in line with HHAP eligible uses. HHAP guidelines also outlined minimum amounts that must be allocated to youth services and maximum amounts that could be used for system improvements (HMIS and Coordinated Entry) and administration.

To meet these requirements, HHSA staff began meeting with Continuum of Care (CoC) board members on February 4, 2020, to outline priorities. A series of meetings followed resulting in an agreement between the CoC and County concerning HHAP budget priorities. The County budget for HHAP funds is as follows:

- \$174,000 – Rental assistance and Rapid Rehousing (with \$24,000 of that total to be used for transitional age youth)
- \$25,000 – Operating assistance for Permanent Supportive Housing projects
- \$50,000 – Landlord incentives
- \$21,000 – Support for training and skills development of County staff and partner organizations
- \$105,000 – Supporting Bridges to Housing (master leasing)
- \$24,000 – Homeless prevention specific to preventing transitional age youth homelessness
- \$22,000 – Coordinated Entry and Homeless Management Information Systems improvements
- \$31,000 – Administration (capped at 7%)

It is recommended that the Board approve this Agreement, as it will provide funding assistance to address critical needs in line with strategic objectives to address homelessness in Nevada County.

**Item Initiated and Approved by:** Mike Dent, Director – Housing and Community Services