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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: July 14, 2020

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rachel Roos

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of a renewal Training Services Agreement #EW-2020-24 with The Regents of the University of California, UC Davis Extension for 40 training units to be provided to the County during Fiscal Year 2020/21 in the maximum amount of \$158,100.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The total cost of training under this agreement is \$170,000. After the Continuing and Professional Education (CPE) credit of 7%, the net cost to the County will be \$158,100 and will be funded through available State and Federal sources. Services were included in the Department budget and there are no county general fund dollars required in the Agreement.

BACKGROUND: The County has contracted with the University of California Davis for approximately the past twenty years to provide an Eligibility Services Training Program. Eligibility Workers are responsible for carrying out well defined rules and regulations pertaining to various categorical aid programs and explaining them to applicants and the general public.

This year's agreement includes the provision of 40 units of training for the County. The Eligibility Services Training curriculum includes: CalWORKs, CalFresh (formerly known as Food Stamps), Medi-Cal and IHSS (In-Home Supportive Services) eligibility, CalWORKs employment services, clerical, supervisory, management, fiscal, adult social services, cultural awareness and civil rights training.

The economic ramifications of the Coronavirus pandemic are significantly impacting major funding sources relied on by the department. Social Services is monitoring the situation

closely and is actively involved in advocacy efforts through the County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) to ensure reasonable funding for county services. Additionally, the department has reviewed the 20-21 budget carefully and areas for reduction have been identified to reduce the pressure on existing funding sources. At the same time, demand for vital social services is likely to increase over coming months due to both the economic stress and social isolation of this time, as well as due to increasing numbers of social services customers in our county. The department is proposing to move forward with critical contracts at levels similar to what was originally budgeted, but with the understanding that midyear reductions may be necessary if revenues continue to decline. Social Service staff are in close communication with all contractors and are available to provide support to them around modifying their processes and protocols so that staff can remain safe and can safely provide community members the care they need. Providers are aware that midyear cuts may be needed if the economic situation worsens. Additional analysis and review will be done as needed throughout the year.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Rachel Roos, Director - Department of Social Services