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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: July 14, 2020

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Jill Blake**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving execution of the Grant Agreement Number 19-11099 with the California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS, for grant funds related to the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program COVID Supplemental Grant in the maximum amount of \$34,053 for the term of March 27, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and Authorizing and Directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the Public Health Department's Budget for Fiscal Year 2019/20. (4/5 vote required).

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The HOPWA Program is funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and in California is administered by the Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS. This agreement provides funding in the amount of \$34,053 for fiscal year 2020-21. HOPWA program funds are distributed using a statutory formula that relies on AIDS statistics (cumulative AIDS cases and area incidence) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). 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: Since the beginning of the HOPWA program in 1992, the Federal government has made available HOPWA funds to provide resources and incentives to devise long-term comprehensive strategies for meeting various types of housing needs of persons living with HIV Disease. The Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program allows the provision of monies for short term rent, mortgage and/or utility payments to low income residents who have been diagnosed with AIDS- or HIV-related disease and who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness. The Public Health Department's HIV/AIDS Case Manager provides case management oversight for these HOPWA clients.

The goals of these funds are to provide the strategies to alleviate or prevent homelessness among persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families, specifically the alleviate or prevent

homelessness that has or may occur as a result of COVID-19 and to ensure these households are able to achieve and/or maintain housing stability and improve their access to HIV/AIDS care, treatment, and support.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Agreement as it allows continuation of funding to assist this particular population of county residents to achieve housing stability and linkages to treatment services.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Jill Blake, MPA, Public Health Director