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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	July 27, 2021
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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mike Dent

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of a Contract with the Food Bank of Nevada County ("FBNC") related to the purchase of a forklift in order to efficiently operate equitable food distributions throughout the County to low income individuals and families, in the maximum amount of \$15,000 for the term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

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

**<u>FUNDING</u>**: This contract is supported by Community Initiative Fund ("CIF") dollars which are set aside from the County general funds and annually awarded to local non-profits to support single, one-time only funded projects. No budget amendment is required and there is no additional impact on the General Fund.

**BACKGROUND:** The County in conjunction with the Adult and Family Services Commission ("AFSC") issued a Request for Proposals for CIF dollars to provide funding opportunities to local non-profits, to support meaningful projects that will have a beneficial impact for residents of Nevada County. After extensive review by the AFSC of the submitted proposals, the Commission's recommendation is to award CIF funding, pending Board of Supervisors' approval, to the FBNC.

FBNC serves about 8000 to 12,000 individuals each month who are plagued with food insecurity. FBNC provides services to low income families and individuals in order to assist them with meeting their basic needs. This service allows low income members of the community to leverage their funds in order to afford other basic needs such as housing cost, transportation, utilities and the like.

In order for the program to run efficiently, FBNC must maintain a well-stocked warehouse. FBNC receives and handles large quantities of food which are often received on pallets, requiring a forklift to handle and store these supplies. Currently FBNC has a forklift that is over 20 years old

and requires constant maintenance. The forklift is no longer able reach top shelves in the warehouse limiting FBNC's ability to store food. Without the ability to store enough food, FBNC will be forced to limit distributions or turn families and individuals away.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Agreement as it will provide nutritional support to low income individuals and families plagued by food insecurity within Nevada County.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Mike Dent, Department of Social Services Director