



# COUNTY OF NEVADA

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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** September 28, 2021

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** **Mike Dent**

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving execution of Amendment No. 1 to the Contract with Sierra Roots pertaining to the provision of a temporary emergency shelter during extreme weather and Public Safety Power Shutoff ("PSPS") events to increase the maximum Contract Amount to \$41,283, amend Exhibit "A" Schedule of Services to add additional services required for the safe operation of the shelter, and amend Exhibit "B" Schedule of Charges and Payments to reflect the increase of \$5,753 in the maximum contract price. (RES. 21-390)

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** This contract is funded by County General Fund dollars pursuant to the County Homeless Plan and California Emergency Solutions and Housing grant funds. Funding was anticipated in the Department's FY 21/22 budget and there is no additional impact on the General Fund.

**BACKGROUND:** Nevada County continues to support and improve shelter operations in Western County. The advent of the COVID-19 pandemic requires measures to safely operate shelters for vulnerable homeless Western County residents. COVID-19 requires adapting shelter operations to meet social distancing guidelines and the use of Personal Protective Equipment and other safety protocols to ensure both guest and staff safety.

Per Resolution No. 21-390, the Board of Supervisors approved the contract with Sierra Roots on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021. After review of the contract with the contracted provider, it was identified that additional clarification and funding is needed to ensure COVID-19 compliance, noticing around shelter opening, cleaning costs, and operation staffing levels. The Contractor will work with Public Health to access capacity at the Nevada City Veteran's Building for an extreme weather or PSPS triggered shelter operation. The shelter will open on days that weather threshold or PSPS criteria,

as determined by County management, have been met. The shelter will operate between the hours of 4:30 pm and 8:00 am during these designated events unless alternate hours of operation are approved by County Staff. The shelter will provide clean, socially distanced space for guests and a safe and a sanitary environment for Western County residents experiencing homelessness who need to shelter due to extreme weather conditions.

It is recommended that the Board approve this Amendment as it will support implementation of a limited capacity extreme weather or PSPS shelter for vulnerable individuals experiencing homelessness in the Western Nevada County area.

**Item Initiated by:**

Brendan Phillips, Program Manager

**Approved by:**

Mike Dent, Director, Child Support, Collections,  
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