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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: April 26, 2022

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Steve Monaghan – IGS-Emergency Services

SUBJECT: Resolution approving an Agreement between the County of Nevada and KVMR to upgrade their communication devices and systems in the amount not to exceed \$33,000 for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023, authorize the Chair of the Board to execute the Agreement, and to amend the FY 21/22 Office of Emergency Services budget (4/5 affirmative vote)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The MOU is funded by PG&E Settlement funds received by the County of Nevada. Payments to KVMR for a communication upgrade, maintenance, and expansion project will be made from the Office of Emergency Services Budget. A budget amendment has been included for approval in the amount of \$33,000.

BACKGROUND: As part of past and the current Nevada County Board Objectives, the Board of Supervisors has continued to “Lead the community in all hazards planning, preparedness, response, and recovery with a focus on wildfire.”. The County’s Office of Emergency Services has an initiative to, “Increase evacuation safety programs countywide to save lives” including expansion of communication methods.

In July of 2020 the County of Nevada received funds from a PG&E settlement as a result of the 2017 fires. At the 2021 Board Workshop the Nevada County Office of Emergency Services presented several projects to utilize these funds that were in alignment with the Board Objectives. One of those projects identified communications upgrade, maintenance, and expansion project with KVMR which the Office of Emergency Services has moved forward. The conversation with KVMR began last spring and, as written in section 2 of the agreement, expenditures eligible for reimbursement will occur between the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023. Expenditures started to be incurred in July of 2021 and will continue implementing the project through the term of the agreement.

KVMR is a local registered non-profit corporation under 501(c)(3) whose mission is to provide community members opportunities to connect through the development and production of music, news and public affairs programs that entertain, inform and educate. KVMR is designated as the emergency radio system for County emergencies.

The attached Resolution approves the Agreement between the County Office of Emergency Services and KVMR for a communication upgrade, maintenance, and expansion project. This communication upgrade, maintenance, and expansion project will focus on updating the electric wiring and software for the main to standby transmitter, purchasing new uninterruptible power supplies (UPS), perform generator maintenance and repair, purchase kits to allow broadcast from alternate locations, vegetation management and clean up at Banner Mountain Transmitter Site, and the purchase of the FM translator license currently licensed to Wolf Mountain adding redundancy for a backup site. The total funding for this project is \$33,000 and will be paid to KVMR from the Nevada County Office of Emergency Services Budget. These purchases will ultimately result in enhanced and more reliable broadcast communication throughout the County.

Item Initiated by: Paul Cummings
Approved by: Steve Monaghan