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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: July 22, 2025

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Alex Keeble-Toll – Director of Emergency Services

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the Nevada County Office of Emergency Services to submit two grant applications to the CAL FIRE Fiscal Year 2025/26 Wildfire Prevention Grant Program for a total amount not to exceed \$1,900,000 and authorizing the Director of Emergency Services to execute all additional documents required to fulfill the requirements of the grant on behalf of the County of Nevada

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: If awarded, the CAL FIRE Wildfire Prevention Grant Program funds in the amount of \$1,900,000 will be received into the Office of Emergency Services budget. There will be no County General Fund match requirement if awarded. A budget amendment is not required at this time and there is no additional impact on the General Fund.

BACKGROUND: The CAL FIRE Wildfire Prevention (WP) Grants Program provides funding for wildfire prevention projects and activities in and near wildfire-threatened communities that focus on increasing the protection of people, structures, and communities. Funded activities include hazardous fuels reduction, wildfire prevention planning, and wildfire prevention education with an emphasis on improving public health and safety while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The CAL FIRE WP Grants Program has been a reliable source of wildfire mitigation funding for Nevada County OES over the past five years. Past and current OES projects funded through this program have included the South County Shaded Fuel Break (Res. 21-532), Woodpecker Ravine Hazardous Fuels Reduction Phase 1 (Res. 22-520), and Woodpecker Ravine Hazardous Fuels Reduction Phase 2 (Res. 23-533). Through the current round of funding, Nevada County OES desires to apply for two hazardous fuels

reduction projects. Each application will be informed by the Nevada County Community Wildfire Protection Plan as well as consultation with the CAL FIRE Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit.

Item Initiated by: AJ Zekanoski, Administrative Analyst I

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