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### NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** August 12, 2025

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Craig Griesbach, Director of Information and General Services

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving a budget amendment for the Information and General Services Administration Fiscal Year 2025/26 Budget for the contracts approved by Resolution 25-063 in the amount of \$378,426 with ExWire Inc. dba Oasis Broadband (4/5 affirmative vote required)

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the Resolution

**FUNDING:**

Approve the reauthorization and appropriation of \$378,426 in funding for two previously awarded ExWire, Inc. (dba Oasis Broadband) projects under the County's Last-Mile Broadband Grant Program. The original funds, approved in FY 2024–25 by Resolution 25-063, were not encumbered prior to fiscal year-end, and therefore need to be added to the FY 2025-26 budget:

- Oasis Broadband- Harmony Ridge, Blue Tent and Nevada City, in the amount of \$221,989
- Oasis Broadband- Donner Summit, in the amount of \$156,437

**BACKGROUND:**

Expanding access to reliable, high-speed internet for all residents continues to be a strategic priority of Nevada County's "Last-Mile Broadband Grant Program," established in 2019 using Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) funds to support economic development, education, health care access, and remote work opportunities.

Since the program's inception:

- In 2020, the Board awarded \$177,109 during the program's initial round.
- In 2022, an additional \$500,000 was allocated for the second round of funding.
- In 2024, the Board approved a final round of \$1,000,000 to be awarded in FY 2024–25.

In partnership with the Sierra Business Council (SBC), the County's designated economic development contractor, a competitive grant application process was conducted. SBC and County staff reviewed six submissions, including two projects from ExWire, Inc. Both projects met eligibility criteria and were selected for funding based on innovation, scalability, and their commitment to serving underconnected rural communities.

Due to timing and project readiness, the ExWire project awards were not encumbered by fiscal year-end as approved by Resolution 25-063. To ensure that the selected ExWire projects can move forward as originally approved, staff respectfully requests that the Board reauthorize and appropriate \$378,426 in FY 2025–26.

**Exwire, Inc. dba Oasis Broadband (Project No.1)**

- Project Name: Harmony Ridge, Blue Tent and Nevada City
- Funding: The applicant project funding request is \$221,989

**Exwire, Inc. dba Oasis Broadband (Project No.2)**

- Project Name: Donner Summit
- Funding: The applicant project funding request is \$156,437

**Item Initiated by:** Elise Strickler, Chief Fiscal and Administrative Officer

**Approved by:** Craig Griesbach, Director of Information and General Services