



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT FOR LAST-MILE BROADBAND GRANT PROGRAM – FINAL ROUND BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NEVADA AND AT&T IN THE AMOUNT OF \$389,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION AND GENERAL SERVICES OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT AND ANY RELATED DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO FINALIZE THE PROJECTS, AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO AMEND THE INFORMATION AND GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FISCAL YEAR 2025/26 BUDGET AND TO RELEASE \$221,574 FROM THE BOARD PRIORITIES ASSIGNMENT IN THE GENERAL FUND AND \$167,426 IN UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE IN THE GENERAL FUND (4/5 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE REQUIRED)

WHEREAS, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors made Broadband a continued Board Objective for 2024 through Resolution 24-073 on February 20, 2024 stating: "Equitably expand broadband to support economic development; distance-learning telework, telemedicine, and general quality of life for all residents by championing the implementation of Nevada County Broadband Strategy Plan policies and last-mile infrastructure projects."; and

WHEREAS, the Board originally established the "Last-Mile Broadband Grant Program" in 2019 through Resolution 19-429 authorizing Sierra Business Council to assist with the solicitation, facilitation and administration of the Last-mile Broadband Grant Pilot Program with the goal of expediting access to the internet for all residents; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Last Mile Broadband Grant Program the Board awarded \$177,109 round one through Resolutions 20-147 and 20-148 and \$500,000 round two through Resolution 21-141, for a total Board awarded amounts in rounds one and two of \$677,109; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors, at their January 2024, Board Workshop, received a presentation regarding the final funding round of \$1,000,000 of the Last-Mile Broadband Grants Program; and

WHEREAS, the County's Broadband Work Group, working with the Sierra Business Council, sought applications from internet service providers (ISP) assigned to the County's Qualified List; and

WHEREAS, the Sierra Business Council and County staff conducted a competitive application process and identified two firms and four projects for recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for final approval and award; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 25-063 on February 11, 2025 approving three of the four projects which are:

- a. Oasis Broadband- Harmony Ridge, Blue Tent and Nevada City, in the amount of \$221,989
- b. Oasis Broadband- Donner Summit, in the amount of \$156,437
- c. AT&T- Wolf/Higgins Corner, in the amount of \$400,000; and

WHEREAS, the fourth project award to AT&T needed additional time to adjust the project area; and

WHEREAS, AT&T, SBC, and County staff are proposing the approval of the Wolf Mountain Fiber Project for an award amount of \$389,000 as the fourth and final project of this round of the Last Mile Broadband Grant Program.

NOW , THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada , State of California, that:

1. The Grant Award Agreement for Last-Mile Broadband Grant Program – Final Round between the County of Nevada and AT&T in the amount of \$389,000 be, and hereby is, approved in substantially the form attached hereto.
2. The Director of Information and General Services, or designee, is authorized to sign the Grant Award Agreement and any related documents required to complete the projects.
3. The Auditor-Controller is directed to release funds in the amount of \$221,574 from the Board Priorities Assignment in the General Fund and \$167,426 in Unassigned Fund Balance in the General Fund, and to amend the Information and General Service Administration Fiscal Year 2025/26 Budget as follows:

Increase :

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