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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: December 17, 2019

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Steve Monaghan – IGS-Emergency Services**

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the Office of Emergency Services to submit seven applications to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Fire Prevention Grant Program to fund County of Nevada Fire Prevention Projects in the total amount of \$8,858,397, authorizing the Director of Emergency Services to execute the applications

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution

FUNDING: \$8,858,397 in funds will be received into the Emergency Management budget if grants are awarded. The total match required for these grants are \$8,858,397 which includes in-kind matching and partner matching.

BACKGROUND: California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection released Fire Prevention Grant Program funding to reduce the risk of wildland fires to habitable structures and communities, while maximizing carbon sequestration in healthy wildland habitat and minimizing the uncontrolled release of emissions emitted by wildfires. The County of Nevada has identified seven individual programs titled (1) Senior Firewood Gold Country Partnership, (2) Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone Phase II, (3) Evacuation and Wildland Urban Interface Risk Analysis, (4) Community Wildfire Prevention Plan, (5) Lodestar Shaded Fuel Break, (6) Forest⇒Fire, and (7) Egress/Ingress Fire Safety Project for the period of December 2019 through March 2023.

County of Nevada staff worked in collaboration with California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to submit a request for grant project tracking numbers, which was subsequently approved on November 08, 2019. In combination, these projects focus on reducing hazardous vegetation, increasing community education, providing incentives for community collaboration, as well as updating our Community Wildfire Fire Prevention Plan. Moreover, these grants will lessen our community's financial burden in mitigating wildfire hazards and will provide a higher level of public safety for our community. The acceptance of these grants will be brought back to the Board of Supervisors for approval per County policy.

Item Initiated by: David Jones

Approved by: Steve Monaghan