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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: September 27, 2022

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Craig Griesbach – Office of Emergency Services**

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the Nevada County Office of Emergency Services to submit a grant application to the USDA FY22 Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) Notice of Funding Opportunity in the total amount of \$225,000 and authorizing the Director of Office 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 USDA FY22 Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) funds in the amount of \$225,000 will be received in the Office of Emergency Services budget. The required 10% match (\$25,000) will be provided by the California Fire Safe Council Community Wildfire Coordinator Grant that was awarded to the Office of Emergency Services on March 24, 2022. The total project cost is \$250,000. A budget amendment is not required at this time and there is no additional impact on the General Fund.

BACKGROUND: The Nevada County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) is a key planning tool to help prioritize wildfire mitigation action(s) to protect against loss of life and property. Community Wildfire Protection Plans should be updated periodically to reflect work that has been completed, and guide strategy for future work. Updated CWPP's serve as important documents for justifying projects proposed to funders as priorities within respective communities. The Nevada County CWPP was last updated in 2016.

The USDA FY22 Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) Notice of Funding Opportunity specifically includes the update of Community Wildfire Protection Plans as a priority for funding. Furthermore, effective July 2022, the County of Nevada has hired a Community Wildfire Coordinator who is uniquely qualified to support the development of an updated Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

If awarded acceptance of this grant will be brought to the Board of Supervisors for approval per County Policy.

Item Initiated by: Alex Keeble-Toll, Senior Administrative Analyst, OES
Approved by: Craig Griesbach, Director, OES