



# RESOLUTION No. 21-141

## OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

### RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AWARD OF \$500,000 FOR THE "LAST-MILE BROADBAND GRANTS PROGRAM", AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH FOUR AWARDEES, AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO AMEND THE INFORMATION AND GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FISCAL YEAR 2020/21 BUDGET (4/5 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE REQUIRED)

WHEREAS, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors made Broadband a 2021 Board Objective to: *"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, expediting access to the internet for all residents is a priority, the Board established the "Last-Mile Broadband Grant Program" in 2019, which is funded with Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) dollars intended to promote economic development, and in April 2020, the Board awarded \$52,900 to Exwire, Inc. (dba Oasis Broadband), Resolution 20-147, and \$124,209 to Nevada County Fiber, Resolution 20-148, in the grant's initial round, and both projects are on schedule to be completed by June 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors, at their January 2021 Board Workshop, approved \$250,000 to fund the second round of the Last-Mile Broadband Grants Program and allocated another \$250,000 from the PG&E Settlement Funds for a total of \$500,000 for FY 20/21; and

WHEREAS, the County's Broadband Work Group, working with the Sierra Business Council, who has a Professional Services Agreement with the County of Nevada, Resolution 20-283, sought applications from internet service providers (ISP) to support distance learning, remote working, and tele-medicine; and

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

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

1. The evaluation panel's recommendations to award \$500,000 in "Last-Mile Broadband Grants" are hereby approved as follows:
  - a. Nevada County Fiber, Inc., in the amount of \$113,000
  - b. Northern Sierra Broadband, in the amount of \$120,000
  - c. Exwire, Inc. (dba Oasis Broadband), in the amount \$62,000
  - d. Spiral Fiber, Inc., in the amount of \$205,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, of the County of Nevada, State of California, that the four individual Grant Agreements by and between the County of Nevada and Nevada County Fiber, Inc. for \$113,000, Northern Sierra Broadband for \$120,000, Exwire, Inc. (dba Oasis Broadband) for \$62,000, and Spiral Fiber, Inc. for \$205,000 for the project term listed in the grant agreements, be and hereby is approved in substantially the form attached hereto, and that the Chair of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to execute the Grant Agreements on behalf of the County of Nevada, and directs the Auditor-Controller to release funds in the amount of \$250,000 from the Economic Development Infrastructure Assignment and \$250,000 from the Unassigned General Fund and to amend the Information and General Service Administration Fiscal Year 2020/21 Budget as follows:

Increase:  
0101-11003-531-1000 / 521520                      \$500,000

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 27th day of April, 2021, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes: Supervisors Heidi Hall, Edward Scofield, Dan Miller, Susan K. Hoek and Hardy Bullock.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

ATTEST:

JULIE PATTERSON HUNTER  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: 

  
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Dan Miller, Chair

4/27/2021 cc: IGS\*  
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