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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** May 27, 2025

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Alex Keeble-Toll – Director of Emergency Services

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving the proposed Forest Reserve Title III spending plans for the Fiscal Year 2023/24 and Fiscal Year 2024/25 in the total amount of \$64,913.07 and designating the City of Grass Valley as \$54,000.00 of the spending pursuant to the MOU between the City of Grass Valley and Nevada County for Tablet Command and designating the Office of Emergency Services as \$10,913.07 of the spending for Firewise Information Dissemination and amend the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Forest Reserve Budget and Fiscal Year 2024/25 Office of Emergency Services Budget (4/5 affirmative vote required).

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the above resolution.

**FUNDING:** Forest Reserve Title III funds allocated in Federal Fiscal Year 2023/24 and 2024/25 (including accumulated fund balances). The total funding for these projects is \$64,913.07, with no impact to the General Fund. There is sufficient fund balance to accommodate this spending. A budget amendment has been included for approval for the Fiscal Year 2024/25 Forest Reserve Budget and Fiscal Year 2024/25 Office of Emergency Services Budget.

**BACKGROUND:** The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (SRS Act), was enacted to provide five years of transitional assistance to rural counties affected by the decline in revenue from timber harvest on federal lands. SRS funding continued to be extended in subsequent years and has currently been funded through Federal Fiscal Year 2024/25 but at diminishing levels with significant restrictions. Funds are limited to search and rescue and other emergency services, training costs and equipment purchases for emergency services, developing and carrying out community wildfire protection plans, and carrying out activities under the Firewise Communities program.

The Board of Supervisors tentatively approved the below projects as the proposed spending plan on March 11, 2025 (Res. 25-089) for County Fiscal Year 2024/25, pending public comment:

- City of Grass Valley - Tablet Command Software - \$54,000
- Office of Emergency Services – Firewise Information Dissemination - \$10,913.07

Pursuant to the SRS Act, Nevada County published a notice of a 45-day public comment period on April 10, 2025, in The Union Newspaper and scheduled a public meeting on May 27, 2025, for approval of the spending plan and receipt of public comments.

**Item Initiated by:** AJ Zekanoski, Administrative Analyst I, OES

**Approved by:** Alex Keeble-Toll, Director, Emergency Services