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## **NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

### **Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** March 8, 2022

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution authorizing the Professional Services Contract between the County of Nevada and Fire Safe Council of Nevada County for completion of the work funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) for HMGP DR-4353 - 023-33R, “Nevada County Abatement Program, Phase I” for the term of March 8, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for the maximum amount of \$473,343 with a match requirement of \$157,477, amending the Office of Emergency Services FY 21/22 Budget, and authorizing the Chair of the Board to execute the agreement (4/5 affirmative vote)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the attached Resolution

**FUNDING:** The \$473,343 in grant funds will be received into the Office of Emergency Services budget. The total match required for this grant is \$157,477 which will be in the form of in-kind matching provided through volunteer labor, cash contributions of residents, or match from Fire Safe Council. Payments to Fire Safe Council will be paid from the OES Budget. A budget amendment has been included in the amount of \$473,343 to facilitate the project.

**BACKGROUND:** Section 404 of the Stafford Act, 43 U.S.C. 5170c authorizes the HMGP after a Federally Declared Disaster to ensure the opportunity to take critical mitigation measures to reduce the risk of loss of life and property from future disasters. On September 28, 2021 the Board of Supervisors approved the acceptance of grant funding for HMGP DR-4353 -023-33R, “Nevada County Abatement Program Phase I”.

Grant funds will help mitigate the threat of wildfire by providing residents of Nevada County with defensible space assistance to reduce hazardous vegetation around their residences. Phase I will consist of defensible space treatment on 78

properties that have expressed interest and have been pre-inspected for eligibility; in addition, pre-inspections of an additional 400+ homes that would be eligible for treatment in Phase II will be done, along with community awareness training. The treatment prescription is for the management of vegetation within 100 feet and up to 300 feet of structures depending on home siting, vegetation type, and overall fuel loading. In addition, as funding allows, treatment will include 10 feet along the road/driveway shoulder with a 15-foot vertical clearance for emergency equipment response.

This board item approves the contract between the County of Nevada and Fire Safe Council of Nevada County for completion of the work funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) for HMGP DR-4353-023-33R, “Nevada County Abatement Program, Phase I” for the term of March 8, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for the maximum amount of \$473,343 with a match requirement of \$157,477, and amends the Office of Emergency Services FY 21/22 Budget in the amount of \$473,343.

**Item Initiated by:** Elise Strickler

**Approved by:** Steve Monaghan