



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH DESIGN WORKSHOP, INC. FOR THE PREPARATION OF A RECREATION AND RESILIENCY MASTER PLAN FOR A MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$442,970 AND A CONTINGENCY OF \$7,030 AND APPROVING THE USE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO ENCUMBER THE CONTRACT AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2022/23 RECREATION BUDGET AND THE ARPA BUDGET (4/5 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE REQUIRED)

WHEREAS, Nevada County experienced a dramatic increase in people accessing open spaces in recent years. In response, the Board of Supervisors formed two ad hoc committees (Open Spaces and Trails; Organized Recreation) to focus on recreation needs, priorities, and opportunities. The work of the ad hoc committees guided the Board of Supervisors to adopt Recreation as a standalone objective for 2022 and to create a Recreation and Resilience Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, On February 8, 2022 the Board of Supervisors adopted Recreation as a 2022 Board Objective that is intended to promote sustainable recreation in partnership with community providers and other jurisdictions to enhance recreational access, support public health and safety, realize economic opportunities, and preserve natural resource assets; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to prepare a Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan to identify and advance key goals and objectives to address challenges and opportunities for Nevada County's open space, trails and other recreational interfaces, and prioritize solutions that promote community health and safety, economic development, creative placemaking, landscape restoration, environmental sustainability, climate change adaptation; and resilience.

WHEREAS, the plan will offer strategies for implementing project recommendations, and describe a long-term vision for facilitating the management of open space and recreation resources. The planning process will engage diverse partners including public lands managers, nonprofit stakeholders, and user groups to plan, fund, and implement sustainable solutions; and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus package passed by Congress and signed by President Joseph Biden on March 11, 2021 in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and associated economic challenges. ARPA

included \$350 billion in State and Local Aid, which included \$65.1 billion in direct funding to counties. Based on US Treasury allocations, Nevada County has been allocated \$19,376,239 in funding; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2021, staff brought a preliminary ARPA Expenditure Plan to the Board for direction. The plan included a recommendation to allocate 30% of ARPA funds (\$5.8M) to “Community & Economic Resiliency” projects. This included one loan program and four grants, including the “Outdoor Visitor Safety Fund” program, which was allotted between \$800,000-\$1 Million for improvements to major river crossings and trailheads impacted by increased visitation; and

WHEREAS, the Board approved a new 2022 objective “To promote sustainable recreation in partnership with community providers and other jurisdictions to enhance recreational access, support public health and safety, realize economic opportunities, and preserve natural resource assets” at their regular meeting on February 8, 2022, with a specific initiative to “Identify and implement strategies to promote health and safety at river crossings, lakes, trailheads, and other high-use or high-risk areas”; and

WHEREAS, at its 2022 Board Workshop the board identified up to \$450,000 for the Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan through a combination of \$250,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funding and \$200,000 in other funding; and

WHEREAS, the Program is aligned with the ARPA final rule priority of “2.22: Strong Healthy Communities: Neighborhood Features that Promote Health and Safety”;

WHEREAS, the Board accepted a Sierra Nevada Conservancy grant in the amount of \$200,000 on September 27, 2022 for the Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, Nevada County issued a Request for Proposals on June 3, 2022, seeking a qualified firm to develop a Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, four proposals were received as a result of the RFP. The proposals were reviewed and scored by a staff panel made up of representatives from the Planning Department, Recreation Senior Administrative Assistant, the Board of Supervisors Office and public members. Interviews were conducted with the top two scoring proposals and Design Workshop, Inc. was chosen as the top proposal; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to hire Design Workshop, Inc. to prepare the Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, that the Chair of the Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the County of Nevada, that certain Contract dated the 27th day of September, 2022, in the total amount of \$442,970, by and between said County and Design Workshop, Inc. for a term of September 27th, 2022 to June 30th, 2024 and a contingency of \$7,030 pertaining to the preparation of a Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, that the Auditor-Controller is directed to release ARPA fund balance and amend the Recreation budget for FY 2022/23 as follows:

Increase:	
1111-70102-325-0222/521520	\$250,000
Decrease:	
0101-70102-325-1000/521520	\$250,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors directs the Auditor-Controller to encumber the contract as follows:

1111-70102-325-0222/521520	\$250,000
0101-70102-325-1000/521520	\$200,000