



**RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

**OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE USE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$450,000 FOR THE “OUTDOOR VISITOR SAFETY FUND GRANT” PROGRAM AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2022/23 RECREATION BUDGET (4/5 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE REQUIRED)**

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 \$850,000 for the Outdoor Recreation and Visitor Safety Fund Grant Program (the “Program”) through a combination of \$450,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funding and \$400,000 in County General Fund; 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”; and

WHEREAS, to promote transparency, required quarterly reporting will be posted on the County of Nevada’s American Rescue Plan “ARPA” web page; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is contingent upon the adoption of the FY 22/23 County Budget; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT 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 \$450,000

Decrease:

0101-70102-325-1000/521520 \$450,000