



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION AND GENERAL SERVICES, OR THEIR DESIGNEE, TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE COMMUNITY RESILIENCE CENTER PROGRAM, FOR A MINIMUM OF \$5,000,000 FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF NEVADA COUNTY LIBRARIES AS COMMUNITY RESILIENCE CENTERS

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the program shown above; and

WHEREAS, California Department of Food and Agriculture's (CDFA) Community Resilience Centers (CRC) Program asserts that "recent and ongoing climate events and public health emergencies impact every part of California,"; and

WHEREAS, such events encompass shorter-term events like earthquakes, extreme heat, mudslides, flood, wildfires, power outages, and disruptions; they also include longer-term events like the COVID pandemic, sea level rise, drought, and rising temperatures; and

WHEREAS, communities across California face differential access to local community resilience opportunities including public health resources, clean energy infrastructure, and emergency response services; and

WHEREAS, the CDFA's CRC Program builds on this foundation, in alignment with California's Statewide adaptation strategy and other efforts, to build local resilience across California communities; and

WHEREAS, it is a priority of the CRC program to fund resilience center projects in disadvantaged communities and disadvantaged unincorporated communities, or sites serving these communities; and

WHEREAS, Nevada County's libraries provide critical services to their communities by default, offering year-round resources in the way of computer access, internet, information, news, and classes that are available to all community members; and

WHEREAS, Nevada County libraries also provide physical spaces to gather during emergencies, in addition to acting as warming and cooling spaces during extreme weather events and clean air spaces during periods of heavy smoke; and

WHEREAS, the value of libraries serving dual functions as community resource centers is amplified in rural areas: they are already recognized by the public as essential services, and multiple locations spread across the county means shorter travel distance for residents that live in remote areas; and

WHEREAS, Nevada County proposes to use this funding to both plan and implement updates to our libraries that include but are not limited to improvements on fire-safety, energy efficiency, energy back-up, health safety, ADA-compliance, security, and general accessibility; and

WHEREAS, Nevada County also proposes to use funds from this grant to procure any necessary new equipment and services that can better serve our community both year-round and in times of emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, that the Board of Supervisors hereby retroactively approves and authorizes the submittal of a grant application to the California Department of Food and Agriculture Community Resilience Grant Program for a minimum amount of \$5,000,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors approves the following:

1. That pursuant and subject to all of the terms and provisions of the California Budget Act of 2022, the Director of Information and General Services Agency, or their designee, is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and file an application for funding with the California Department of Food and Agriculture Community Resilience Grant Program and take such other actions necessary or appropriate to obtain grant funding.
2. The Director of Information and General Services Agency, or their designee, is hereby authorized and directed to submit any required documents, funding requests, and reports required to obtain grant funding.
3. Certifies that the project will comply with any laws and regulations including, but not limited to, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), legal requirements for building codes, health and safety codes, the California Labor Code, disabled access laws, and, that prior to commencement of the project, all applicable permits will have been obtained.