



# RESOLUTION No. 25-032

## OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

### RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING DECARBONIZATION CHALLENGE GRANT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION #EECBG-24-001, OF \$700,000, FOR THE DESIGN OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE AT 15 COUNTY FACILITIES AND GOLD COUNTRY SENIOR SERVICES

WHEREAS, the California Energy Commission (CEC) offers funding opportunities to advance and encourage the state's transition to clean energy and transportation. The Local Government Building Decarbonization Challenge grant is such an opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the County of Nevada applied for the CEC's Local Government Building Carbonization Challenge grant as a means to fund the design of infrastructure needed to implement the transition to Zero Emission Vehicles amongst the County's fleet of vehicles; and

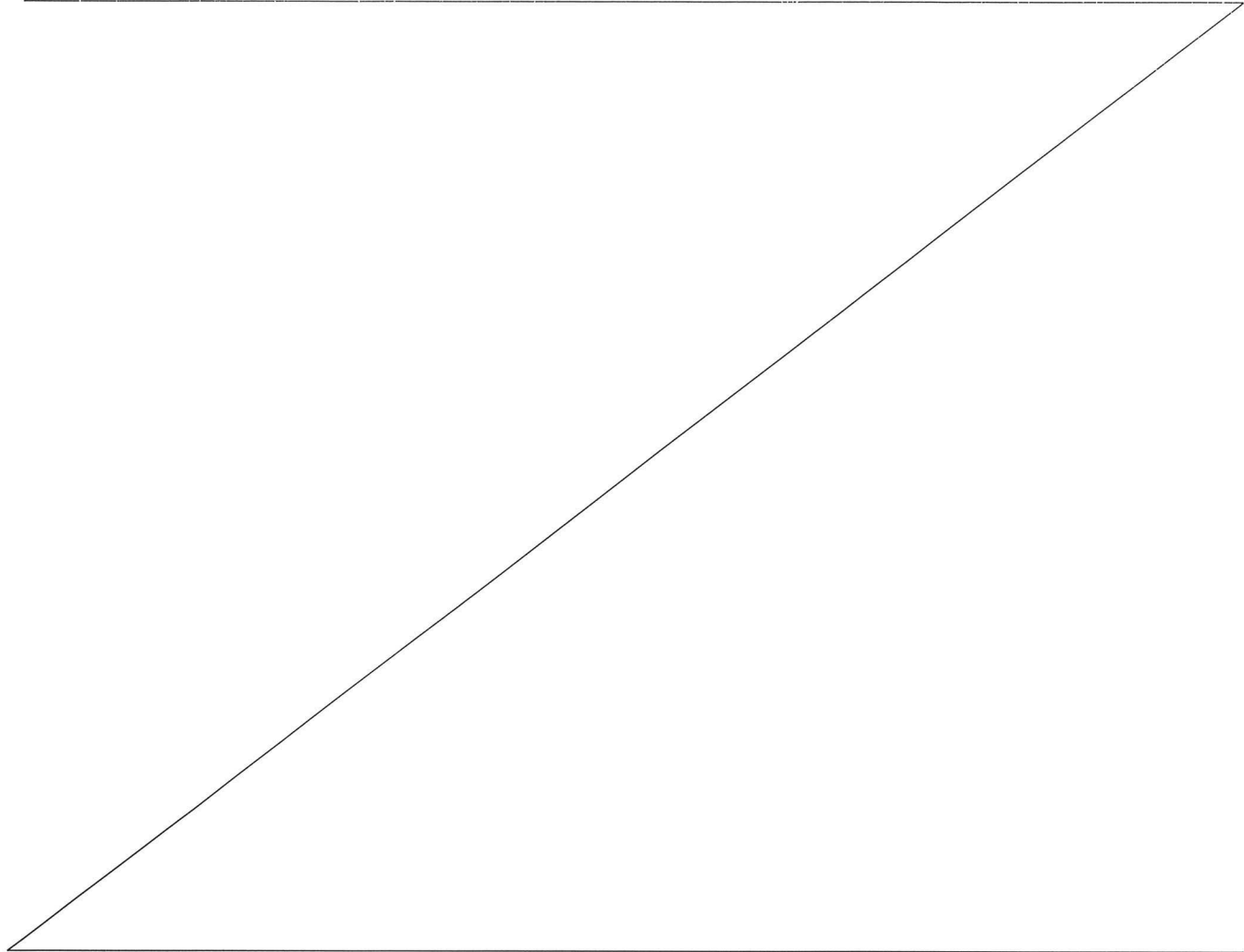
WHEREAS, CEC has awarded \$700,000 as a grant to the County of Nevada (# EECBG-24-001) for the design of electric vehicle charging infrastructure at 15 county facilities and the Gold Country Senior Services center in Grass Valley, CA; and

WHEREAS, CEC requires that the governing board of the grant recipients designate authorities that may enter into agreements in the administration of the funds granted by the CEC; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California accepts the Local Government Building Decarbonization Challenge grant, as approved by the California Energy Commission Resolution 24-1113-07a, in the amount of \$700,000 and authorizes the Director of Facilities to sign all ancillary documents related to acceptance of the grant with the requirement to return to the Board for approval of the Grant Agreement in its entirety prior to execution.

Funding:

0101-10801-416-1000      445200/521520



PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 14th day of January 2025, by the following vote of said Board:

- Ayes: Supervisors Heidi Hall, Robb Tucker, Lisa Swarthout, Susan Hoek, and Hardy Bullock.
- Noes: None.
- Absent: None.
- Abstain: None.
- Recuse: None.

ATTEST:

TINE MATHIASSEN  
Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: 

  
Heidi Hall, Chair

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This form provides the California Energy Commission (CEC) with basic information about the Applicant and the project. **Each Applicant must complete and sign this form.**

<b>1. Applicant's Identification Information</b>		
Legal Name of Applicant*	<b>County of Nevada</b>	
Federal Tax ID #	94-6000526	
Project Manager <i>(serves as point of contact for all communications)</i>	Name	Pat Souza
	Title	Project Manager
	Mailing Address	950 Maidu Avenue
	City, State, and Zip Code	Nevada City, CA 95959
	Phone	(530) 470-2562
	Email Address	Pat.souza@nevadacountyca.gov
Entity Type ( <i>city, county, city/county agency, or group of jurisdictions/agencies applying as a consortium</i> ): County		
Additional Jurisdictions or Agencies Represented in Application ( <i>if a group of jurisdictions/agencies are applying as a consortium</i> ): NA		

\*A group of jurisdictions/agencies applying as a consortium, must identify a single jurisdiction or agency to serve as the primary Applicant.

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<b>2. Project Title and Information</b>	
Project Title	<b>Design and planning for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations serving Nevada County facilities</b>
Type of Project ( <i>identify relevant components from the list of project activities included in Section II.C of the solicitation manual</i> )	<b>1- Community Building Decarbonization Planning</b> <b>2- Municipal Building Decarbonization Planning</b> <b>3- Advancing Municipal Operations to Support Building Decarbonization</b>

<p><b>3. Funding Group Description</b> (<i>choose one</i>)</p> <p>As described in Section II.A of the solicitation manual, \$2,713,380 is available to local jurisdictions that were not eligible for a direct allocation under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program. The remaining \$1,356,690, is available to all California local jurisdictions.*</p>
<p><b>Applicant is a(n):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Individual local jurisdiction that was not eligible for a direct EECBG allocation (Funding Group 1).</b></p> <p><b>Has evidence of eligibility for the selected funding category been submitted with the Application?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes: County of Nevada was not eligible for direct EECBG allocation.</p> <p><b>Has certification that each applying entity has authority to apply on behalf of their jurisdiction and is the sole entity applying on its behalf been provided with this Application?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>

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**For Applicants representing a consortium, has a commitment letter from each jurisdiction planning to participate been submitted with the Application?**  
**N/A**

*\*Additional guidance on funding groups is provided in Section II.A of the solicitation manual.*

<b>4. Funding Requested</b> <i>(See the Section I.F of the solicitation manual)</i>	
Minimum award: \$250,000 Maximum award: \$700,000	Funding Amount Requested: \$700,000
Existing or potential funding from other sources, if any <i>(optional)</i> . <i>If applicable, include nature of the project, awarding entity, and agreement number in the box below.</i>	Funding Amount from Other Sources: - <b>\$56,519 secure/County</b> - <b>\$10,000 secure complementary project/Partner</b>
Please describe the planned use for funds from other sources and how these funds will address related activities that are separate from those proposed for this solicitation.	
<p>1- Existing Funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Nevada County Transportation Commission (NCTC) received a Caltrans rural planning assistance grant for the development of an EV implementation plan. They are a partner in our broader efforts, but not part of this application. This project will build directly on the work they are completing.</li> <li>b. In March of 2024 PG&amp;E approached Nevada County Consolidated Fire District and Nevada County Information and General Services Agency (IGS) to partner on a local biomass pilot project. PG&amp;E is interested in developing and testing local solutions to green waste disposal that is more efficient and environmentally friendly compared with their current local practice of chipping and hauling the green waste out of county. PG&amp;E will contract with Earth Foundries to operate a Tigercat Carbonizer biomass processing system for a November 2024 to June 2025 period, processing</li> </ul>	

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### 5. Brief Project Description

Provide a brief description of the proposed project, identifying which of the five (5) project activities in Section II.C of the solicitation manual would be completed using funding from the resulting grant agreement. If applicable, provide a brief statement as to how the project will prioritize rural, low-income, and disadvantaged communities (DACs) through strategies for decarbonizing the built environment. Applicants should refer to the solicitation manual for additional information on the goals, priorities, and eligible activities.

Requested maximum of four hundred (400) words.

Nevada County will utilize funding from the Local Government Building Decarbonization Challenge to build on a recently completed study to initiate the replacement of the County's fleet of internal combustion vehicles with electric vehicles. The grant funds will be used to plan for and design the infrastructure for installed ZEV chargers at 15 County facilities, and one community partner facility. These chargers are to be powered by a combination of existing electrical infrastructure and the utilization of energy generated by the County's own solar farms; the community partner facility does not have solar yet and this funding would include design for a solar-powered ZEV charging station(s) at that site. Planning for charging stations accessible to the public will be included in the work to be performed under this grant.

Planning for ZEV chargers, both for the County Fleet and Public use will bring implementation of the county's fleet transition to ZEV and expansion of use by the public to a shovel-ready state. Nevada County is a rural County with limited-to-no ZEV infrastructure. Additional public chargers will help to promote the use of ZEVs. Strategically located charging stations will be chosen according to their location on routes between federally recognized DACs as well as areas that are locally known to be economically challenged; these locations will also be chosen to promote travel and tourism to recreational areas and communities that are underserved.

This project will leverage other funded projects through Caltrans and Strategic Growth Council and multiple ongoing and funded partnerships to ensure the responsible design of widely and strategically accessible ZEV charging infrastructure as part of a long-term plan to comply and support public and private ZEV transition in our rural county.

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**6. Project Narrative (A higher score may be awarded for more comprehensive projects that include more than one (1) of the five (5) project activities identified in Section II.C of this solicitation manual)**

**a. Project Need and Benefit.** Describe the need and/or value of the project as a whole. Describe the planned approach to ensure plans and activities address the needs of all members of the communities served. Include all planned efforts to engage diverse populations. If there are specific equity needs or benefits to disadvantaged and low-income communities, provide a brief summary here and complete Priority Populations section below. Explain why grant funds are needed to advance this project and any impacts if this project proposed is not funded.

This project answers two direct needs of Nevada County government and residents by creating zero emission vehicle charging infrastructure where none exists currently. For the County, the transition is in keeping with state requirements, a commitment to fiscal responsibility (ZEVs are shown to be less costly than gas-powered vehicles in the long-term), and a commitment to Climate Adaptation and Resilience as a Board Objective.

For residents, this is a significant step towards leading the community towards climate resilience by way of both an educational campaign on ZEV opportunities, as well as providing publicly accessible infrastructure in strategic locations where little-to-no ZEV charging is available

**b. State Energy Goals.** Briefly describe how the proposed project is aligned with and advances California (State) climate and energy goals.

This project will move County of Nevada to a shovel-ready state by finalizing design documents and performing site surveys and easements so that ZEV infrastructure can be installed at County facilities to support planned initial ZEV fleet transition by 2030, keeping in line with California Air Resources Board adoption of the Advanced Clean Fleets regulation of 2023.

This project will also address barriers to zero and low-emission vehicle use in low-income and DACs across the county through

a) providing publicly accessible charging infrastructure in key locations accessible to these

**c. Local Planning.** Describe how the project aligns with other local planning efforts, climate plans and initiatives, and energy goals.

County of Nevada has been developing a local plan to update its fleet and supporting infrastructure to be in compliance with California ZEV standards by 2030, and is in the process of completing a ZEV transition master plan that was developed in partnership with the Nevada County Transportation Commission, and will be reviewed by the County Board of Supervisors in a meeting on May 28, 2024; it is expected to be approved on June 11, 2024.

The plan focuses on battery-electric electric vehicles (EVs) rather than hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicles (FCEVs) based on the current state of technology, lack of fueling stations in the



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**d. Technical Approach.** Describe your approach to each applicable project activity, and the specific tasks that will be undertaken, noting specific tangible products (e.g., reports, training manuals, survey results, etc.). These products will also be reflected in the Schedule of Products and Due Dates (Attachment 3) where you must assign completion dates for each identified activity, task, and product. As described in Section II.C of the solicitation manual, each project can include one (1) or more of the five (5) eligible project activities. Only provide information in the Application for those activities applicable to your project. *You will need to insert the information provided in this section into the project Scope of Work (SOW) Template (Attachment 2).*

### **1: Community Building Decarbonization Planning**

- The County of Nevada will commit \$35,000 to contract with local graphic designers to develop an educational campaign that illustrates:
  - ZEV opportunities (e.g. affordable purchase programs, rebates, benefits to long-term ownership, etc.);
  - outlines County plans to install and support installation of ZEV charging infrastructure, and how to access it;
  - announcements for rebate programs that support sustainable material purchase and installations in homes.
- Within this program we will include surveys (to be created by the contracted design consultants) for targeted DACs living across the county to weigh in on aspects of design such as locations, type of chargers, and what kinds of information are useful.

Fliers, brochures, and surveys will be dispersed as part of an awarded collaborative community resilience program through Strategic Growth Council. Three community-based organizations serving a wide cross-section of Nevada County's most vulnerable communities (seniors, food-insecure, and residents living with disabilities) are partners in this program and can incorporate this educational campaign into their pre-existing programs. These include lunch and learns at the Gold Country Senior Services Center, flier distribution with groceries at the Interfaith Food Ministries weekly grocery pick-up, and through tailored messaging by the Aging and Disability Resource Connection to residents living with disabilities across the county.

#### **Task Names:**

- 1- Educational Campaign for targeted communities (AB 1550) on ZEV purchasing opportunities, charging availability, and other benefits.
  - Design
  - Printing and distribution
- 2- Lunch and Learns through funded partnership programs (Gold Country Senior Services)



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3- Surveys targeting DACs across the county to be

- Designed by Consultant
- Distributed and collected by CBOs
- Compiled and reported to project manager of this project by CRC-funded position

### Products:

- Brochures, fliers, informational packets to be distributed in partnership programs

## 2: Municipal Building Decarbonization Planning

Decarbonization across municipal buildings will occur through the design of zero emission vehicle charging infrastructure at 15 county-owned and operated facilities across the county, and one community partner-owned public facility. This is a phase of a longer-term plan to transition the county fleet from gas-powered to ZEV. Some charging stations will support primarily county fleet only due to various security measures, such as coded gates (e.g. the Airport). Strategic and publicly accessible locations (e.g. County building, Nevada City Vets Hall, County Library, etc.) will have publicly available charging stations where the highest impact can occur for targeted DACs due to proximity to main roads and the use of the building (e.g. Vets Halls, the Eric Rood Center, and Libraries have significant use by DACs in this rural county).

### Task Names:

- 1- Survey County facilities and coordinate need for installed EV infrastructure with schedule to implement EV usage at each facility.
- 2- Seek Agency input for plan development.
- 3- Develop designs and cost estimates for individual sites.
- 4- Develop draft plan of implementation.
- 5- Seek approval from stakeholders.
- 6- Obtain approval from County Board of Supervisors for implementation plan.
- 7- Secure financing for implementation of installation plans.

### Products:

- Survey of facilities existing power infrastructure.
- Assessment and plan for infrastructure improvements.

## 3: Advancing Municipal Operations to Support Building Decarbonization

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Nevada County is taking the lead in transitioning its fleet to ZEV. The obstacles for electrification of the fleet and the solutions applied will serve as models and references for systems installed in the private sector. County agencies, Building, Planning, Public Works and Social services will all have a better understanding of the challenges this new technology can present. Each agency will apply these lessons to their permitting processes along with the applications of codes and statutes.

#### **Task Names:**

- 1- Identify gaps in Codes and Statutes related to permitting of EV charging Facilities.
- 2- Seek input from stakeholders
- 3- Draft Initial Report of Recommendations to policies and procedures
- 4- Publish and Receive Input on Draft
- 5- Prepare Draft Plan and guidelines
- 6- Seek Jurisdiction and Public Input
- 7- Publish Final Plan and guidelines
- 8- Seek Board of supervisors Approval
- 9- Implement guidelines

#### **Products:**

- Draft and final procedure manuals for staff
- Educational materials and guidelines for planning and permitting

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**e. Team Qualifications.** Identify the parties completing the work. List the primary project manager, staff, identified collaborators, and contractors. *See Evaluation Criteria item four (4) in Section IV.E of the solicitation manual for more information.*

### Team Qualifications

#### Project Manager:

Nevada County Facilities Management  
Pat Souza, Project Manager

Pat Souza is a Project Manager in the Facilities Department and will be the lead on this project. His responsibilities will include oversight of design and plan development, coordination with Fleet Management, creating an RFP for a vendor to design ZEV infrastructure at the listed county facilities, and delegation of tasks to the rest of the team.

#### Fiscal Admin and Management:

Nevada County Information and General Services  
Elise Strickler, Agency CFAO  
Teal Marich, Accounting Technician

Elise Strickler and Teal Marich are financial administrative officer and accounting technician, respectively for the Information and General Services Agency. Elise will be the lead in administration of the grant and handling the Facilities Department budget while coordinating with the Agency's and County's larger budgets. Both will be responsible for budget management, oversight of contract with vendor/consultant, and reporting.

#### In-County Collaborators:

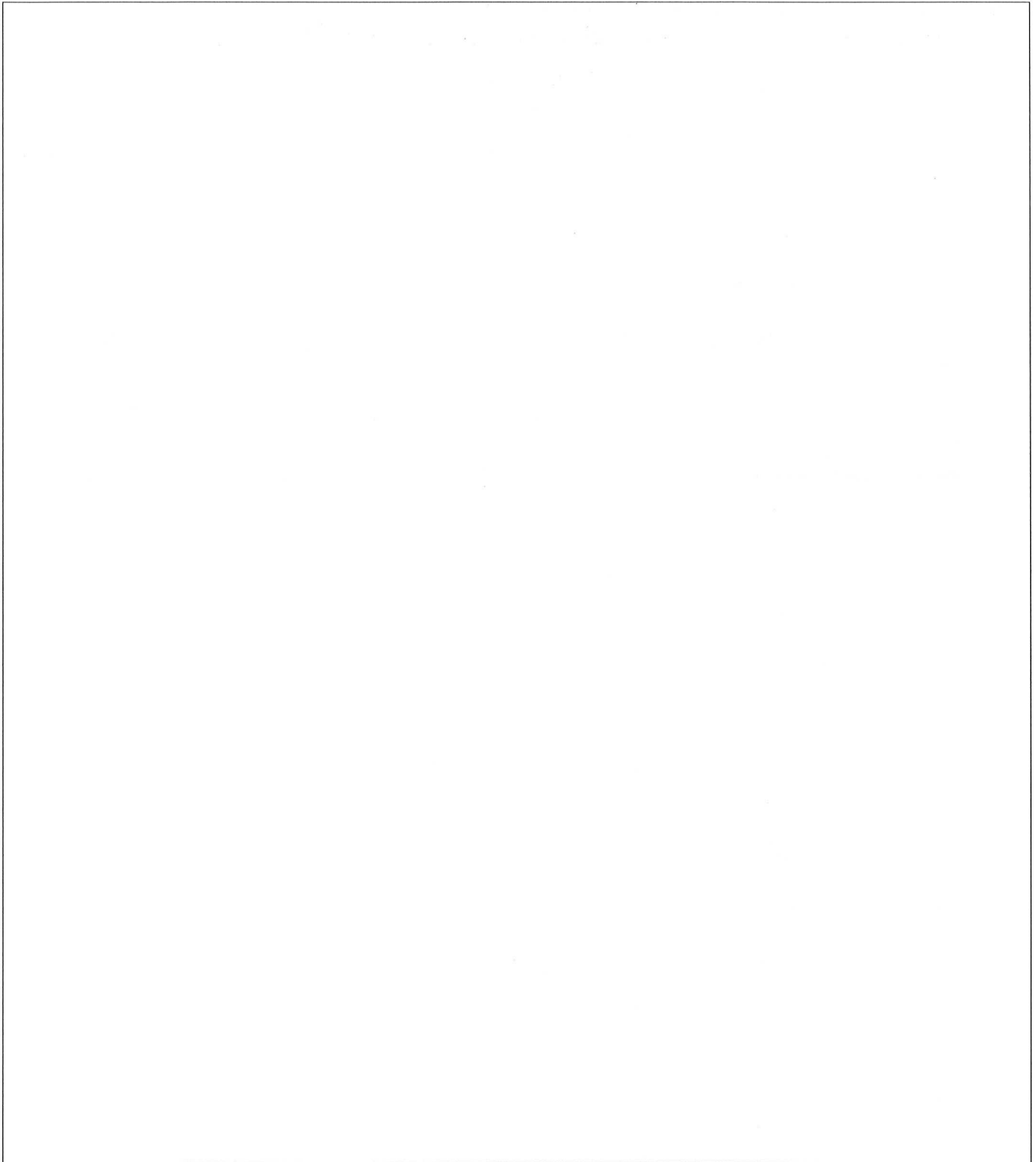
Nevada County Fleet Management  
Josh Hylinski, Fleet Manager

The ZEV transition plan involves multiple departments and agencies within the County structure. The primary point of contact to collaborate on this project that is not in the Facilities Department (which is housed in the Information and General Services Agency) is Fleet Management. Fleet Management (housed in the Community Development Agency) has been the lead on planning ZEV fleet transition. Josh will be instrumental in ensuring continuity of plans in this project and providing input into design elements throughout the process.

#### Professional Collaborators:

- Frontier Energy Zero Emission Transportation  
Chris White, Director/ Consultant

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**7. Preference Points** (*Applications must meet the minimum passing score for Evaluation Criteria 1-5 in Section IV.E of the solicitation manual to be eligible for preference points*)

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### a. Priority Populations (*Federal and State Designations*)

Provide a table of census tracts, by tract number that will directly benefit from your proposed project.

1. Indicate which tracts qualify as disadvantaged/low-income under federal criteria per the White House Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST), which is available at (<https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/>). Separately indicate each census tract.

***Note that during scoring, preference points will be awarded using only the federal criteria.***

Preference points will be awarded for projects benefitting communities with 51 percent or higher of tracts identified as disadvantaged/low-income per the following table.

Proposed Percentage	Preference Points
0-50%	0
51-60%	1
61-70%	2
71-80%	3
81-90%	4
91-100%	5

***Table of Federal Census Tracts Below***

Tract Number(s)	Jurisdiction(s)	Disadvantaged/ Low-Income (Federal) Y/N
06057000900	Nevada County	Yes
06057000600	Nevada County	Yes
06057000502	Nevada County	No
06057000802	Nevada County	No
06057000104	Nevada County	No
06057001206	Nevada County	No
06057000402	Nevada County	No
06057000701	Nevada County	No

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2. Indicate which tracts qualify as disadvantaged/low-income under State criteria per the California Air Resources Board (CARB) California Climate Investments Priority Populations 2023 CalEnviroScreen 4.0 map available at (<https://webmaps.arb.ca.gov/PriorityPopulations/>).

*Note that while preference points will be awarded using only the federal criteria, State data is needed for reporting purposes.*

Tract Number(s)	Jurisdiction(s)	Disadvantaged/ Low-Income (State) Y/N
6057000402		Yes
6057000104		Yes
6057000600		Yes
6057000501		Yes
6057000802		Yes
6057000900		Yes
6057000200		No*
6057000105		No*
6057000103		No*
6057000102		No*
6057000702		No*
6057000300		No*
6057000401		No*
6057000701		No*
6057000801		No*
6057001204		No*
6057001203		No*
6057001206		No*
6057001205		No*

**b. Additional Outreach** (*Preference points ranging from 0-5 points total will be awarded depending on the content and thoroughness of information provided below.*)



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This funding opportunity requires the preparation of a Final Project Report for publication. Share your plan to broadcast and/or showcase your successful project results to benefit other local governments through efforts that exceed the requirement to complete a Final Project Report. Please describe additional planned communication activities, for example, sharing project details and outcomes at regional or larger working groups; conferences or events; developing web-based resources; or other outreach and educational activities that benefit other California jurisdictions and agencies.

The County regularly collaborates with a wide range of CBOs, regional authorities, and other stakeholders. At a local level, information collected, and resulting designs that are developed through this project will be shared with the Energy Action Plan group, a group of local citizens concerned with climate-related energy issues who convene monthly at the Eric Rood Center (main county building).

As stated throughout the application, the proposed educational campaign will be leveraged through working partnerships the County has with at least three CBOs that work directly with disadvantaged and vulnerable populations, and which are funded through a \$10M Community Resilience Center grant by Strategic Growth Council. Through these partnerships, information will be dispersed both in person (lunch and learns, in home services) and through fliers and brochures at the end of the project, highlighting where ZEV charging can be accessed, in addition to updates on ZEV incentive programs, rebates, and other helpful means of aiding in their purchase, upkeep, and benefits. This information can also be leveraged through that program via partnerships with local elected officials and their tailored messaging to their constituents.

Regionally, the County will communicate plans, successes, lessons learned, and other relevant information to other collaborations that include the Western County Climate Collaborative, the Nevada County Transportation Commission, Sustainability Summit, and others that will undoubtedly arise as the project progresses. Web messaging through the county's webpage, social media, and other public information sharing will also be utilized.

Should we also receive the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant, this project will both inform a larger county-wide assessment for strategic public ZEV charging and fueling stations as well as inform those of neighboring counties through partnership with Sierra County and the Rural County Representatives of California.

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**8. Contacts** *(Complete the information in the "Subrecipient" column only.)*


<b>CEC</b>	<b>Subrecipient</b>
<p><b>Commission Agreement Manager:</b></p> <p>(Name) (Title) California Energy Commission 715 P Street, MS-28 Sacramento, CA 95814 Phone: (916) XXX-XXXX Email: (name)@energy.ca.gov</p>	<p><b>Project Manager:</b></p> <p>Pat Souza Facilities Project Manager Nevada County Facilities Management 10014 N.Bloomfield Road Nevada City, CA 95959 Phone: (530) 470-2562 Email: pat.souza@nevadacountyca.gov</p>
<p><b>Confidential Deliverables/Products:</b></p> <p>California Energy Commission Contracts, Grants, &amp; Loans Office 715 P Street, MS-18 Sacramento, CA 95814</p>	<p><b>Administrator:</b></p> <p>Elise Strickler Chief Financial Administrative Officer Nevada County Information and General Services Agency 950 Maidu Ave Nevada City, CA 95959 Phone: 530-265-1705 Email: elise.strickler@nevadacountyca.gov</p>
<p><b>Invoices, Progress Reports and Non-Confidential Products to:</b></p> <p>California Energy Commission Accounting Office 715 P Street, MS-2 Sacramento, CA 95814 Electronic submittal at: <a href="mailto:invoices@energy.ca.gov">invoices@energy.ca.gov</a></p>	<p><b>Accounting Officer:</b></p> <p>Elise Strickler Chief Financial Administrative Officer Nevada County Information and General Services Agency 950 Maidu Ave Nevada City, CA 95959 Phone: 530-265-1705 Email: elise.strickler@nevadacountyca.gov</p>

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<p><b>Commission Legal Notices:</b></p> <p>Gordon Kashiwagi, Federal Agreements Manager California Energy Commission 715 P Street, MS-18 Sacramento, CA 95814 Email: <a href="mailto:gordon.kashiwagi@energy.ca.gov">gordon.kashiwagi@energy.ca.gov</a></p>	<p><b>Subrecipient Legal Notices:</b></p> <p>Katharine L. Elliott County Counsel Office of the County Counsel County of Nevada 950 Maidu Ave Nevada City, CA 95959 Phone: 530-265-1514 Email: <a href="mailto:kit.elliott@nevadacountyca.gov">kit.elliott@nevadacountyca.gov</a></p>
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**9. Certifications**

- I am authorized to submit this application on behalf of the Applicant.
- I authorize the CEC to make any inquiries necessary to verify the information presented in this application.
- I authorize the CEC to obtain business credit reports and make any inquiries necessary to verify and evaluate the financial condition of the Applicant.
- I have read and understand the terms and conditions contained in this solicitation. I accept the terms and conditions contained in this solicitation on behalf of the Applicant and the Applicant is willing to enter into an agreement with the CEC to conduct the proposed project according to the terms and conditions without negotiation.
- I certify that (1) this application does not contain any confidential or proprietary information, or (2) if confidential information is allowed under the solicitation, it has been properly identified.
- I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that, to the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this application is correct and complete.
- I am authorized to agree to the above certifications on behalf of the Applicant.

Signature of Applicant or Authorized Representative		Date: 5/20/24
Printed Name of Applicant or Authorized Representative	Justin Drinkwater – Facilities Director, Nevada County	

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**Scope of Work Template**  
**[County of Nevada Facilities Department]**

**DEFINITION OF ACRONYMS/TERMS**

Included in the table below are important acronyms and terms used throughout this Scope of Work (SOW).

<b>ACRONYM/ TERM</b>	<b>DEFINITION</b>
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
CAM	Commission Agreement Manager
CEC	California Energy Commission
County	County of Nevada
CPR	Critical Project Review
DOE	Department of Energy (United States)
EV	Electric Vehicle (Battery)
EECBG	Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant
2021 EECBG	IIJA funding made available in 2021 under the EECBG
FARC	Federal Assistance Reporting Checklist
GHG	Greenhouse Gas
IIJA	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
LGBDC	Local Government Building Decarbonization Challenge
MS	Microsoft
NCTC	Nevada County Transportation Commission
PDF	Adobe Portable Document Format
PRC	Public Resources Code
SOW	Scope of Work
State	State of California
ZEV	Zero Emission Vehicle
Subrecipient	County of Nevada

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**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this agreement is to provide a California local government entity (Subrecipient) with funding for at least one (1) of the following eligible project activities:

- Community building decarbonization planning.
- Municipal building decarbonization planning.
- Advancing municipal operations to support building decarbonization.
- Developing local codes, ordinances, and voluntary decarbonization measures.
- Building decarbonization related workforce development activities.

**BACKGROUND**

The Warren-Alquist State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Act, Public Resources Code (PRC) section 25000 et seq., established the California Energy Commission (CEC) as California’s primary energy policy and planning agency. The Local Government Building Decarbonization Challenge (LGBDC) solicitation was designed, in part, to advance a portion of the strategies identified in the *2021 California Building Decarbonization Assessment*<sup>1</sup>, which was developed in response to Assembly Bill 3232 (Friedman, Chapter 373, Statutes of 2018) and advances the policy recommendations contained in the *2021 Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR), Volume I: Building Decarbonization*<sup>2</sup>.

In addition, the LGBDC aligns with and advances the requirements of a history of climate and energy legislation including: The 100 Percent Clean Energy Act of 2018, Senate Bill 100 (de León, Chapter 312, Statutes of 2018); Senate Bill 32 (Pavley, Chapter 249, Statutes of 2016); Senate Bill 350 (de León, Chapter 547, Statutes of 2015); and Assembly Bill 32 (Nunez, Chapter 488, Statutes of 2006).

Local governments play a critical role in helping California (State) meet its energy and climate goals, as they have a unique connection with their constituents and authority over local building and land use decisions. Many local governments have

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1 Kenney, Michael, Nicholas Janusch, Ingrid Neumann, and Mike Jaske. 2021. *California Building Decarbonization Assessment*. CEC. Publication Number: CEC-400-2021-006-CMF. <https://www.energy.ca.gov/publications/2021/california-building-decarbonization-assessment>.

2 Kenney, Michael, Jacob Wahlgren, Kristina Duloglo, Tiffany Mateo, Danuta Drozdowicz, and Stephanie Bailey. 2022. *Final 2021 Integrated Energy Policy Report, Volume I: Building Decarbonization*. CEC. Publication Number: CEC-100-2021-001-V1. <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=241599>