



NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: March 11, 2025

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Alex Keeble-Toll – Interim Director of Emergency Services

SUBJECT: Resolution accepting the proposed Forest Reserve Title III spending plans for the Fiscal Year 2023/24 and Fiscal Year 2024/25 in the amount of \$64,913.07 and directing staff to schedule a public hearing on May 27, 2025 for final approval.

RECOMMENDATION: Designate the below projects as the spending plan, excluding the cost of public notice, for County Fiscal Year 2024/25. Direct staff to file notice of a 45-day public comment period and schedule a public meeting on May 27, 2025 for approval of spending plan and receipt of public comments.

- City of Grass Valley - Tablet Command Software - \$54,000
- Office of Emergency Services – Firewise Information Dissemination - \$10,913.07

FUNDING: Forest Reserve Title III funds allocated in Federal Fiscal Year 2023/24 and 2024/25 (including accumulated fund balances). The total funding for these projects is \$64,913.07, with no impact to the General Fund. Budget will be included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-26 Forest Reserve Budget which will be adopted in June as part of the Countywide Budget Adoption.

BACKGROUND: The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (SRS Act), was enacted to provide five years of transitional assistance to rural counties affected by the decline in revenue from timber harvest on federal lands. SRS funding continued to be extended in subsequent years and has currently been funded through Federal Fiscal Year 2024/25 but at diminishing levels with significant restrictions. Funds are limited to search and rescue and other emergency services, training costs and equipment purchases for emergency services, developing and carrying out community wildfire protection plans, and carrying out activities under the Firewise Communities program. The projects recommended for funding allocation are in alignment with these allowable activities.

To appropriate these funds, the Act requires that the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approve a spending plan and hold a 45-day public comment period. Should the Board approve the spending plan proposed, staff will publish the required 45-day public comment notice and return to the Board on May 27, 2025 for final approval and, with Board approval, staff will also bring a forward contract with the entity proposed to receive funding.

Item Initiated by: AJ Zekanoski, Administrative Analyst I, OES

Approved by: Alex Keeble-Toll, Interim Director, Emergency Services