

RESOLUTION No. 22-393

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NEVADA AND SIERRA BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR GRANTS MANAGEMENT SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000.00 TO ADMINISTER THE STORM DEBRIS RESPONSE MICRO-GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2022, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors authorized a preceding companion Resolution approving acceptance of \$100,000 in grant funding from the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation; and

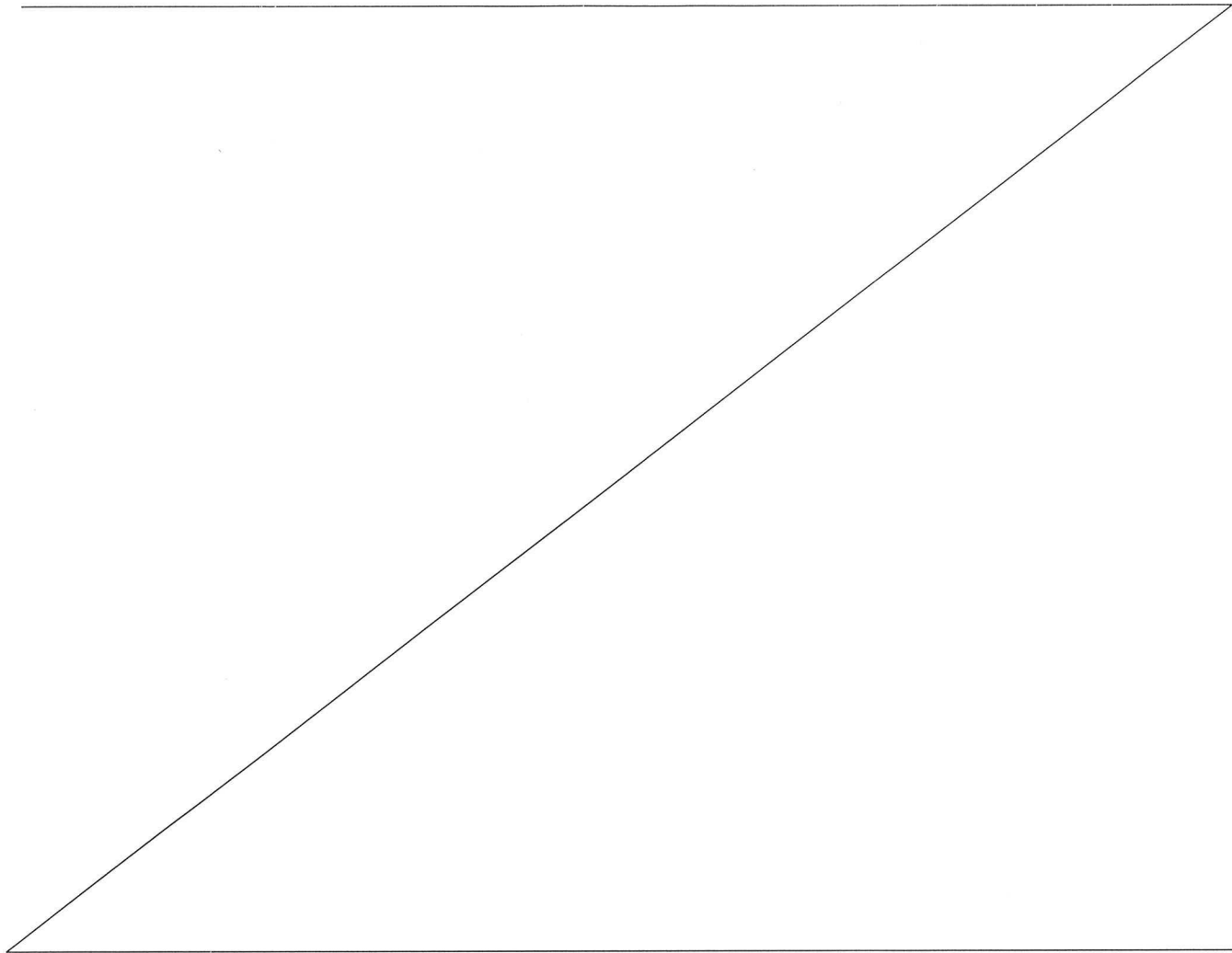
WHEREAS, the grant funds are expressly for implementation of a Storm Debris Response Micro-Grant Program to benefit California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention (CAL FIRE) approved, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recognized Firewise communities; and

WHEREAS, the Sierra Business Council will administer these funds on behalf of the County of Nevada and provide 26 micro-grants in the amount of \$3,600 each to eligible Firewise communities that have been recognized by the NFPA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, hereby:

1. Approves the agreement (Attachment 1) in substantially the form attached hereto in an amount of \$100,000 for the term commencing July 12, 2022, and terminating March 1, 2023.
2. Authorizes the Director of Emergency Services to execute the agreement on behalf of the County of Nevada.

Funds to be disbursed from: 0101-20702-414-1000 / 521520 \$100,000



PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 12th day of July, 2022, by the following vote of said Board:

- Ayes: Supervisors Heidi Hall, Edward Scofield, Dan Miller, Susan K. Hoek and Hardy Bullock.
- Noes: None.
- Absent: None.
- Abstain: None.

ATTEST:

JULIE PATTERSON HUNTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: 


Susan K. Hoek, Chair

7/12/2022 cc: OES*
AC*

Administering Agency: Nevada County Office of Emergency Services

Contract No. BFS22393

Contract Description: **Firewise Grants Management Services**

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

THIS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT ("Contract") is made at Nevada City, California, as of July 12, 2022 by and between the County of Nevada, ("County"), and Sierra Business Council (SBC) ("Contractor"), who agree as follows:

1. **Services** Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract, Contractor shall provide the services described in Exhibit A. Contractor shall provide said services at the time, place, and in the manner specified in Exhibit A.
2. **Payment** County shall pay Contractor for services rendered pursuant to this Contract at the time and in the amount set forth in Exhibit B. The payments specified in Exhibit B shall be the only payment made to Contractor for services rendered pursuant to this Contract. Contractor shall submit all billings for said services to County in the manner specified in Exhibit B; or, if no manner be specified in Exhibit B, then according to the usual and customary procedures which Contractor uses for billing clients similar to County. **The amount of the contract shall not exceed One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00).**
3. **Term** This Contract shall commence on, 7/12/2022. All services required to be provided by this Contract shall be completed and ready for acceptance no later than the **Contract Termination Date** of: 3/1/2023.
4. **Facilities, Equipment and Other Materials** Contractor shall, at its sole cost and expense, furnish all facilities, equipment, and other materials which may be required for furnishing services pursuant to this Contract.
5. **Exhibits** All exhibits referred to herein and attached hereto are incorporated herein by this reference.
6. **Electronic Signatures** The parties acknowledge and agree that this Contract may be executed by electronic signature, which shall be considered as an original signature for all purposes and shall have the same force and effect as an original signature. Without limitation, "electronic signature" shall include faxed or emailed versions of an original signature or electronically scanned and transmitted versions (e.g., via pdf) of an original signature.
7. **Time for Performance** Time is of the essence. Failure of Contractor to perform any services within the time limits set forth in Exhibit A, or elsewhere in this Contract, shall constitute material breach of this contract. Contractor shall devote such time to the performance of services pursuant to this Contract as may be reasonably necessary for the satisfactory performance of Contractor's obligations pursuant to this Contract. Neither party shall be considered in default of this Contract to the extent performance is

prevented or delayed by any cause, present or future, which is beyond the reasonable control of the party.

8. **Liquidated Damages**

Liquidated Damages are presented as an estimate of an intangible loss to the County. It is a provision that allows for the payment of a specified sum should Contractor be in breach of contract. Liquidated Damages shall apply shall not apply to this contract. Liquidated Damages applicable to this contract are incorporated in Exhibit E, attached hereto.

9. **Relationship of Parties**

9.1. **Independent Contractor**

In providing services herein, Contractor, and the agents and employees thereof, shall work in an independent capacity and as an independent contractor and not as agents or employees of County. Contractor acknowledges that it customarily engages independently in the trade, occupation, or business as that involved in the work required herein. Further, the Parties agree that Contractor shall perform the work required herein free from the control and direction of County, and that the nature of the work is outside the usual course of the County's business. In performing the work required herein, Contractor shall not be entitled to any employment benefits, Workers' Compensation, or other programs afforded to County employees. Contractor shall hold County harmless and indemnify County against such claim by its agents or employees. County makes no representation as to the effect of this independent contractor relationship on Contractor's previously earned California Public Employees Retirement System ("CalPERS") retirement benefits, if any, and Contractor specifically assumes the responsibility for making such determination. Contractor shall be responsible for all reports and obligations including but not limited to: social security taxes, income tax withholding, unemployment insurance, disability insurance, workers' compensation and other applicable federal and state taxes.

9.2. **No Agent Authority** Contractor shall have no power to incur any debt, obligation, or liability on behalf of County or otherwise to act on behalf of County as an agent. Neither County nor any of its agents shall have control over the conduct of Contractor or any of Contractor's employees, except as set forth in this Contract. Contractor shall not represent that it is, or that any of its agents or employees are, in any manner employees of the County.

9.3. **Indemnification of CalPERS Determination** In the event that Contractor or any employee, agent, or subcontractor of Contractor providing service under this Contract or is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction or CalPERS to be eligible for enrollment in CalPERS as an employee of the County, Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County for all payments on behalf of Contractor or its employees, agents, or subcontractors, as well as for the payment of any penalties and interest on such contributions, which would otherwise be the responsibility of County.

10. **Assignment and Subcontracting** Except as specifically provided herein, the rights, responsibilities, duties and Services to be performed under this Contract are personal to

the Contractor and may not be transferred, subcontracted, or assigned without the prior written consent of County. Contractor shall not substitute or replace any personnel for those specifically named herein or in its proposal without the prior written consent of County.

Contractor shall cause and require each transferee, subcontractor, and assignee to comply with the insurance provisions set forth herein, to the extent such insurance provisions are required of Contractor under this Contract. Failure of Contractor to so cause and require such compliance by each transferee, subcontractor, and assignee shall constitute a Material Breach of this Contract, and, in addition to any other remedy available at law or otherwise, shall serve as a basis upon which County may elect to suspend payments hereunder, or terminate this Contract, or both.

11. **Licenses, Permits, Etc.** Contractor represents and warrants to County that Contractor shall, at its sole cost and expense, obtain or keep in effect at all times during the term of this Contract, any licenses, permits, and approvals which are legally required for Contractor to practice its profession at the time the services are performed.
12. **Hold Harmless and Indemnification Contract** To the fullest extent permitted by law, each Party (the "Indemnifying Party") hereby agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold the other Party (the "Indemnified Party"), its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers, free and harmless from any and all losses, claims, liens, demands, and causes of action of every kind and character resulting from the Indemnifying Party's negligent act, willful misconduct, or error or omission, including, but not limited to, the amounts of judgments; penalties, interest, court costs, legal fees, and all other expenses incurred by the Indemnified Party arising in favor of any party, including claims, liens, debts, personal injuries, death, or damages to property (including employees or property of the Indemnified Party) and without limitation, all other claims or demands of every character occurring or in any way incident to, in connection with or arising directly or indirectly out of, the Contract. The Indemnifying Party agrees to investigate, handle, respond to, provide defense for, and defend any such claims, demand, or suit at the sole expense of the Indemnifying Party, using legal counsel approved in writing by Indemnified Party. Indemnifying Party also agrees to bear all other costs and expenses related thereto, even if the claim or claims alleged are groundless, false, or fraudulent. This provision is not intended to create any cause of action in favor of any third party against either Party or to enlarge in any way either Party's liability but is intended solely to provide for indemnification of the Indemnified Party from liability for damages, or injuries to third persons or property, arising from or in connection with Indemnifying Party's performance pursuant to this Contract. This obligation is independent of, and shall not in any way be limited by, the minimum insurance obligations contained in this Contract.
13. **Standard of Performance** Contractor shall perform all services required pursuant to this Contract in the manner and according to the standards observed by a competent practitioner of the profession in which Contractor is engaged in the geographical area in which Contractor practices its profession. All products of whatsoever nature which Contractor delivers to County pursuant to this Contract shall be prepared in a substantial first class and workmanlike manner and conform to the standards or quality normally observed by a person practicing in Contractor's profession.

Contractor without additional compensation. Contractor's personnel, when on the County's premises and when accessing the County network remotely, shall comply with the County's regulations regarding security, remote access, safety and professional conduct, including but not limited to Nevada County Security Policy NCSP-102 Nevada County External User Policy and Account Application regarding data and access security. Contractor personnel will solely utilize the County's privileged access management platform for all remote access support functions, unless other methods are granted in writing by the County's Chief Information Officer or his/her designee.

14. **Prevailing Wage and Apprentices** To the extent made applicable by law, performance of this Contract shall be in conformity with the provisions of California Labor Code, Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1, commencing with section 1720 relating to prevailing wages which must be paid to workers employed on a public work as defined in Labor Code section 1720, et seq., and shall be in conformity with Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations section 200 et seq., relating to apprenticeship. Where applicable:
- Contractor shall comply with the provisions thereof at the commencement of Services to be provided herein, and thereafter during the term of this Contract. A breach of the requirements of this section shall be deemed a material breach of this contract. Applicable prevailing wage determinations are available on the California Department of Industrial Relations website at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/OPRL/PWD>.
 - Contractor and all subcontractors must comply with the requirements of Labor Code section 1771.1(a) pertaining to registration of contractors pursuant to section 1725.5. Registration and all related requirements of those sections must be maintained throughout the performance of the Contract.
 - Contracts to which prevailing wage requirements apply are subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. Each Contractor and subcontractor must furnish certified payroll records to the Labor Commissioner at least monthly.
 - The County is required to provide notice to the Department of Industrial Relations of any public work contract subject to prevailing wages within five (5) days of award.
15. **Accessibility** It is the policy of the County of Nevada that all County services, programs, meetings, activities and facilities shall be accessible to all persons, and shall comply with the provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act and Title 24, California Code of Regulations. To the extent this Contract shall call for Contractor to provide County contracted services directly to the public, Contractor shall certify that said direct Services are and shall be accessible to all persons.
16. **Nondiscriminatory Employment** Contractor shall not discriminate in its employment practices because of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status, sex or sexual orientation in contravention of the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, Government Code section 12900 et seq.
17. **Drug-Free Workplace** Senate Bill 1120, (Chapter 1170, Statutes of 1990), requires recipients of state grants to maintain a "drug-free workplace". Every person or organization awarded a contract for the procurement of any property or services shall

certify as required under Government Code Section 8355-8357 that it will provide a drug-free workplace.

18. **Political Activities** Contractor shall in no instance expend funds or use resources derived from this Contract on any political activities.
19. **Financial, Statistical and Contract-Related Records:**
 - 19.1. **Books and Records** Contractor shall maintain statistical records and submit reports as required by County. Contractor shall also maintain accounting and administrative books and records, program procedures and documentation relating to licensure and accreditation as they pertain to this Contract. All such financial, statistical and contract-related records shall be retained for five (5) years or until program review findings and/or audit findings are resolved, whichever is later. Such records shall include but not be limited to bids and all supporting documents, original entry books, canceled checks, receipts, invoices, payroll records, including subsistence, travel and field expenses, together with a general ledger itemizing all debits and credits.
 - 19.2. **Inspection** Upon reasonable advance notice and during normal business hours or at such other times as may be agreed upon, Contractor shall make all of its books and records available for inspection, examination or copying, to County, or to the State Department of Health Care Services, the Federal Department of Health and Human Services, the Controller General of the United States and to all other authorized federal and state agencies, or their duly authorized representatives.
 - 19.3. **Audit** Contractor shall permit the aforesaid agencies or their duly authorized representatives to audit all books, accounts or records relating to this Contract, and all books, accounts or records of any business entities controlled by Contractor who participated in this Contract in any way. All such records shall be available for inspection by auditors designated by County or State, at reasonable times during normal business hours. Any audit may be conducted on Contractor's premises or, at County's option, Contractor shall provide all books and records within fifteen (15) days upon delivery of written notice from County. Contractor shall promptly refund any moneys erroneously charged and shall be liable for the costs of audit if the audit establishes an over-charge of five percent (5%) or more of the Maximum Contract Price.
20. **Termination**
 - A. A Material Breach, as defined pursuant to the terms of this Contract or otherwise, in addition to any other remedy available at law or otherwise, shall serve as a basis upon which County may elect to immediately suspend payments hereunder, or terminate this Contract, or both, without notice.
 - B. If Contractor fails to timely provide in any manner the services materials and products required under this Contract, or otherwise fails to promptly comply with the terms of this Contract, or violates any ordinance, regulation or other law which applies to its performance herein, County may terminate this Contract by giving **five (5) calendar days written notice to Contractor**.
 - C. Either party may terminate this Contract for any reason, or without cause, by giving **thirty (30) calendar days written notice** to the other, which notice shall be sent by

registered mail in conformity with the notice provisions, below. In the event of termination not the fault of the Contractor, the Contractor shall be paid for services performed to the date of termination in accordance with the terms of this Contract. Contractor shall be excused for failure to perform services herein if such performance is prevented by acts of God, strikes, labor disputes or other forces over which the Contractor has no control.

- D. County, upon giving **thirty (30) calendar days written notice** to Contractor, shall have the right to terminate its obligations under this Contract at the end of any fiscal year if the County or the State of California, as the case may be, does not appropriate funds sufficient to discharge County's obligations coming due under this contract.

In the event this Contract is terminated:

- 1) Contractor shall deliver copies of all writings prepared by it pursuant to this Contract. The term "writings" shall be construed to mean and include: handwriting, typewriting, printing, photostating, photographing, and every other means of recording upon any tangible thing any form of communication or representation, including letters, words, pictures, sounds, or symbols, or combinations thereof.
 - 2) County shall have full ownership and control of all such writings delivered by Contractor pursuant to this Contract.
 - 3) County shall pay Contractor the reasonable value of services rendered by Contractor to the date of termination pursuant to this Contract not to exceed the amount documented by Contractor and approved by County as work accomplished to date; provided, however, that in no event shall any payment hereunder exceed the amount of the Contract specified in Exhibit B, and further provided, however, County shall not in any manner be liable for lost profits which might have been made by Contractor had Contractor completed the services required by this Contract. In this regard, Contractor shall furnish to County such financial information as in the judgment of the County is necessary to determine the reasonable value of the services rendered by Contractor. The foregoing is cumulative and does not affect any right or remedy, which County may have in law or equity.
21. **Intellectual Property** To the extent County provides any of its own original photographs, diagrams, plans, documents, information, reports, computer code and all recordable media together with all copyright interests thereto, not the property of Contractor (herein "Intellectual Property"), which concern or relate to this Contract and which have been prepared by, for or submitted to Contractor by County, shall be the property of County, and upon fifteen (15) days demand therefor, shall be promptly delivered to County without exception.
22. **Waiver** One or more waivers by one party of any major or minor breach or default of any provision, term, condition, or covenant of this Contract shall not operate as a waiver of any subsequent breach or default by the other party.
23. **Conflict of Interest** Contractor certifies that no official or employee of the County, nor any business entity in which an official of the County has an interest, has been employed or retained to solicit or aid in the procuring of this Contract. In addition, Contractor

agrees that no such person will be employed in the performance of this Contract unless first agreed to in writing by County. This includes prior Nevada County employment in accordance with County Personnel Code.

24. **Entirety of Contract** This Contract contains the entire Contract of County and Contractor with respect to the subject matter hereof, and no other Contract, statement, or promise made by any party, or to any employee, officer or agent of any party, which is not contained in this Contract, shall be binding or valid.
25. **Alteration** No waiver, alteration, modification, or termination of this Contract shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by all parties, except as expressly provided in Section 19, Termination.
26. **Governing Law and Venue** This Contract is executed and intended to be performed in the State of California, and the laws of that State shall govern its interpretation and effect. The venue for any legal proceedings regarding this Contract shall be the County of Nevada, State of California. Each party waives any Federal court removal and/or original jurisdiction rights it may have.
27. **Compliance with Applicable Laws** Contractor shall comply with any and all federal, state and local laws, codes, ordinances, rules and regulations which relate to, concern or affect the Services to be provided by this Contract.
28. **Subrecipient** This Subrecipient Contract is subject to the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 CFR Part 200 et al (commonly referred to as the "OMB Super Circular" or "Uniform Guidance"). A copy of these regulations is available at the link provided herein for the Code of Federal Regulations.
https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title02/2cfr200_main_02.tpl
29. **Additional Contractor Responsibilities**
 - A. To the extent Contractor is a mandated reporter of suspected child and/or dependent adult abuse and neglect, it shall ensure that its employees, agents, volunteers, subcontractors, and independent contractors are made aware of, understand, and comply with all reporting requirements. Contractor shall immediately notify County of any incident or condition resulting in injury, harm, or risk of harm to any child or dependent adult served under this Contract.
 - B. Contractor will immediately notify County of any active complaints, lawsuits, licensing or regulatory investigations, reports of fraud or malfeasance, or criminal investigations regarding its operations. Contractor agrees to work cooperatively with County in response to any investigation commenced by County with regard to this Contract or the clients served herein, including providing any/all records requested by County related thereto.
 - C. Contractor shall employ reasonable background check procedures on all employees, prospective employees, volunteers and consultants performing work involving direct contact with minor children or dependent adults under this Contract, including fingerprinting and criminal records checks, sexual offender registry checks, and reference checks, including both personal and professional references.

30. **Notification** Any notice or demand desired or required to be given hereunder shall be in writing and deemed given when personally delivered or deposited in the mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to the parties as follows:

COUNTY OF NEVADA:

Nevada County
Office of Emergency Services
Address: 950 Maidu Ave.

City, St, Zip Nevada City, CA 95959
Attn: Joshua White
Email: Joshua.white@co.nevada.ca.us
Phone: 530-470-2767

CONTRACTOR:

Name of firm
Sierra Business Council
Address 10183 Truckee Airport
Road
City, St, Zip Truckee, CA 96161
Attn: Kristin York
Email: kyork@sierrabusiness.org
Phone: (530) 582-4800

Any notice so delivered personally shall be deemed to be received on the date of delivery, and any notice mailed shall be deemed to be received five (5) days after the date on which it was mailed.

Executed as of the day first above stated:

Authority: All individuals executing this Contract on behalf of Contractor represent and warrant that they are authorized to execute and deliver this Contract on behalf of Contractor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Contract effective on the Beginning Date, above.

COUNTY OF NEVADA:

By: Craig Griesbach Date: 07/12/2022
Craig Griesbach (Jul 12, 2022 14:28 PDT)

Printed Name/Title: , Director of Emergency Services

CONTRACTOR: Sierra Business Council

By: Steven Frisch Date: 07/12/2022
Steven Frisch (Jul 12, 2022 10:51 PDT)

Name: Steve Frisch

* Title: President

By: Connie Gallippi Date: 07/12/2022
Connie Gallippi (Jul 12, 2022 11:51 PDT)

Name: Connie Gallippi

* Title: Secretary

****If Contractor is a corporation, this Contract must be signed by two corporate officers; one of which must be the secretary of the corporation, and the other may be either the President or Vice President, unless an authenticated corporate resolution is attached delegating authority to a single officer to bind the corporation (California Corporations Code Sec. 313).***

Exhibits

- A. Schedule of Services
- B. Schedule of Charges and Payments
- C. Insurance Requirements

EXHIBIT A

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

The Sierra Business Council (SBC) will provide grants management services on behalf of County of Nevada to support Nevada County's Firewise Communities by administering the Storm Debris Response Micro-Grant Program. The purpose of this partnership is to administer grant funding from the League of California Community Foundations (LCCF) "California Relief, Recovery and Resilience Fund" to support Nevada County Firewise sites as they respond to storm related hazardous vegetation left by the 2021 December snowstorms. Eligible Firewise sites will be required to be currently recognized by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and applications received from underserved communities will be prioritized using a scoring tool comprised of data collected by County of Nevada's Department of Social Services.

Sierra Business Council will:

1. Manage grant application process, create online grant application (develop form and process).
2. Provide outreach and promotion in coordination with the County of Nevada Office of Emergency Services and County communications staff.
3. Coordinate with key community partners on targeted marketing.
4. Provide technical assistance to applicants and manage all email and other communications from applicants and awardees.
5. Collect required information from applicants per LCCF guidelines and requirements.
6. Provide all applications received to County of Nevada by September 15th, 2022, along with an invoice for half of the administrative fee, funds needed to award the total number of applicants up to 26 awardees and a summary Excel document listing 1. Name of Firewise Community 2. Verification that the Firewise Community is certified by NFPA and the Nevada County Fire Safe Council and 3. The Firewise Communities "Underserved Community" score derived from the Department of Social Services scoring tool provided by County of Nevada. (See exhibit B section 1)
7. Assist with additional application cycles as needed including; outreach, promotion, application collection, application submission to County, invoicing County and payments to awardees.
8. If/when publishing an acknowledgement of this grant, to refer to the fund from which it came as the "Disaster Relief, Recovery and Resilience Fund at the League of California Community Foundations. Supported by Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation".
9. Distribute microgrant funds to eligible awardees as selected by the Nevada County Emergency Services Panel by October 1, 2022.
10. Provide detailed and timely reports to County of Nevada including a first report within 30 days of funds being awarded. Report shall identify the name and number of all applications received, name and number of awardees including dollar amounts awarded, outreach and technical assistance provided. A final report of outcomes will be due on December 19th, 2022, after program close and all final awards disbursement.

11. Ensure funds are distributed in compliance with all applicable law, regulation, and funding entities requirements.
12. Return any funds not distributed, less the administrative fee identified in Exhibit B, by December 31, 2022.
13. Handle all necessary tax reporting requirements for funds awarded to Firewise communities.

The County will:

1. Provide a contract manager to work with SBC to answer questions about the grant or other requirements and otherwise support SBC as needed.
2. Provide the "Underserved Community" scoring tool.
3. Organize a scoring panel for applications and respond with a list of awardees within 7 business days of receiving a list of applicants and summary report from SBC.
4. Make payments to SBC in a timely manner including providing funds to pay awardees according to Exhibit B invoice requirements.
5. Submit to the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation reports that SBC has prepared, and which have been reviewed and approved by County.

EXHIBIT B

SCHEDULE OF CHARGES AND PAYMENTS

Maximum Limit & Fee Schedule

Contractor's compensation shall be paid at the schedule shown below. Reimbursement of travel, lodging and miscellaneous expenses is not authorized. All expenses of Contractor, including any expert or professional assistance retained by Contractor to complete the work performed under this contract shall be borne by the Contractor.

The total of all payments made under this Contract shall not exceed \$100,000.00.

Payment Schedule:

After the first application period closes SBC will invoice the County of Nevada for funds needed to award the total number of applicants (up to 26 awardees) and half the administrative fee. If additional application periods are required SBC will invoice the County of Nevada for funds needed to award the total number of additional applicants (up to 26 awardees). The remaining half of the administrative fee will be paid when the final report of outcomes is submitted to County of Nevada at program close and all final awards have been disbursed. The invoice will include information listed below. All payments to Firewise awardees must be made by November 30, 2022.

Budget:	
<u>First Payment:</u>	
Funds required for total number of first round applicants (not to exceed \$93,600):	\$3,600 - \$93,600
Administrative fee:	\$3,200
<u>Additional Payments (as needed):</u>	
Funds required for total number of additional applicants (not to exceed \$93,600):	\$3,600 - \$93,600
<u>Final Payment</u>	
Administrative fee:	\$3,200
TOTAL:	\$100,000.00

Invoices

1. Invoices shall be submitted to County in a form and with enough detail as required by County. Work performed by Contractor will be subject to final acceptance by the County project manager(s). The first invoice payment date is contingent upon the date funds are received by the County from the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation (TTCF) for this grant. Payment will be made within 30 days of when the Contractor invoices and the funds from the TTCF are received by the County. The first invoice shall include: An Excel document listing 1. Name of Firewise Community 2. Verification that the Firewise Community is certified by NFPA and the Nevada County Fire Safe Council and 3. The Firewise Communities "Underserved Community" score derived from the Department of Social Services scoring tool provided by County of Nevada.
2. If additional application periods are required SBC will invoice the County of Nevada for funds needed to award the total number of additional applicants up to the maximum of 26 awardees along with the summary Excel document described above in Exhibit B section 1.

3. The final invoice for the remaining half of the administrative fee shall include total of all awards distributed, and verification that all awardees have received funds. If less than \$93,600 is distributed to eligible Firewise sites, those funds must be returned to the TTCF, by Nevada County, no later than December 31st, 2022.

Submit all invoices to:

Nevada County
Office of Emergency Services
Address: 950 Maidu Ave.
City, St, Zip Nevada City, CA 95959
Attn: Josh White
Email: igsadmin@co.nevada.ca.us
Phone: 530-470-2767

Payment Schedule

The County will make payment within thirty (30) days after the billing is received and approved by County and as outlined in the Scope of Work and the Invoice section above.

Unless otherwise agreed to by County, all payments owed by County to Contractor under this Contract shall be made by Automated Clearing House (ACH). In the event County is unable to release payment by ACH the Contractor agrees to accept payment by County warrant.

EXHIBIT C

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Insurance. Contractor shall procure and maintain for the duration of the contract insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Contractor, its agents, representatives, or employees. Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

- (i) **Commercial General Liability (CGL):** Insurance Services Office Form CG 00 01 covering CGL on an "occurrence" basis, including products and completed operations, property damage, bodily injury and personal & advertising injury with limits no less than **\$2,000,000** per occurrence. If a general aggregate limit applies, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location (ISO CG 25 03 or 25 04) or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.
- (ii) **Automobile Liability** Insurance Services Office Form Number CA 0001 covering, Code 1 (any auto), or if Contractor has no owned autos, Code 8 (hired) and 9 (non-owned), with limit no less than **\$1,000,000** per accident for bodily injury and property damage. **(Note – required only if auto is used in performance of work, submit waiver to Risk for approval to waive this requirement)**
- (iii) **Workers' Compensation** insurance as required by the State of California, with Statutory Limits, and Employer's Liability Insurance with limit of no less than **\$1,000,000** per accident for bodily injury or disease. **(Not required if contractor provides written verification it has no employees).**
- (iv) **Director and Officers (D&O) Liability Insurance** covering breach of fiduciary duty, misrepresentation of company assets, misuse of company funds, fraud, failure to comply with workplace laws, theft of intellectual property, and lack of corporate governance with limit no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence or claim, \$2,000,000 aggregate
- (v) **Professional Liability** (Errors and Omissions) Insurance appropriate to the Contractor's profession, with limit no less than **\$2,000,000** per occurrence or claim, **\$2,000,000** aggregate.
- (vi) If the Contractor maintains broader coverage and/or higher limits than the minimums shown above, the County requires and shall be entitled to the broader coverage and/or the higher limits maintained by the contractor. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to the County.

Other Insurance Provisions:

The insurance policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions:

1. **Additional Insured Status: The County, its officers, employees, agents, and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds** on the CGL policy with respect to liability arising out of the work or operations performed by or on behalf of the Contractor including materials, parts, or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. General liability coverage can be provided in the form of an endorsement to the Contractor's insurance (at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85 or both CG 20 10, CG 20 25, CG 20 33, or CG 20 38; and CG 20 37 forms if later revisions used.)
2. **Primary Coverage** For any claims related to this contract, the **Contractor's insurance shall be primary** insurance primary coverage at least as broad as ISO CG 20 01 04 13 as respects the County, its officers, employees, agents, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-

- insurance maintained by the County, its officers, employees, agents, and volunteers shall be excess of the Contractor's insurance and shall not contribute with it.
3. **Notice of Cancellation** This policy shall not be changed without first giving thirty (30) days prior written notice and ten (10) days prior written notice of cancellation for non-payment of premium to the County of Nevada.
 4. **Waiver of Subrogation** Contractor hereby grants to County a waiver of any right to subrogation which any insurer or said Contractor may acquire against the County by virtue of the payment of any loss under such insurance. Contractor agrees to obtain any endorsement that may be necessary to affect this waiver of subrogation, but this provision applies regardless of whether or not the County has received a waiver of subrogation endorsement from the insurer.
 5. **Deductible and Self-Insured Retentions** Deductible and Self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the County. The County may require the Contractor to provide proof of ability to pay losses and related investigations, claims administration, and defense expenses within the retention. The Policy language shall provide, or be endorsed to provide, that the self-insured retention may be satisfied by either the named insured or County. **(Note – all deductibles and self-insured retentions must be discussed with risk, and may be negotiated)**
 6. **Acceptability of Insurers:** Insurance is to be placed with insurers authorized to conduct business in the state with a current A.M. Best's rating of no less than A:VII, unless otherwise acceptable to the County.
 7. **Claims Made Policies** if any of the required policies provide coverage on a claims-made basis: **(note – should be applicable only to professional liability)**
 - a. The Retroactive Date must be shown and must be before the date of the contract or the beginning of contract work.
 - b. Insurance must be maintained and evidence of insurance must be provided for at least five (5) years after completion of the contract of work.
 - c. If the coverage is canceled or non-renewed, and not replaced with another **claims-made policy form with a Retroactive Date**, prior to the contract effective date, the Contractor must purchase "extended reporting" coverage for a minimum of **five (5) years** after completion of contract work.
 8. **Verification of Coverage** Contractor shall furnish the County with original Certificates of Insurance including all required amendatory endorsements (or copies of the applicable policy language effecting coverage required by this clause) and a copy of the Declarations and Endorsement Page of the CGL policy listing all policy endorsements to County before work begins. However, failure to obtain and provide verification of the required documents prior to the work beginning shall not waive the Contractor's obligation to provide them. The County reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by these specifications, at any time.
 9. **Subcontractors** Contractor shall require and verify that all subcontractors maintain insurance meeting all the requirements stated herein, and Contractor shall ensure that County is an additional insured on insurance required from subcontractors. For CGL coverage subcontractors shall provide coverage with a format at least as broad as CG 20 38 04 13.
 10. **Special Risks or Circumstances** County reserves the right to modify these requirements, including limits, based on the nature of the risk, prior experience, insurer, coverage, or other special circumstances.
 11. **Conformity of Coverages** If more than one policy is used to meet the required coverages, such as an umbrella policy or excess policy, such policies shall be following form with all other applicable policies used to meet these minimum requirements. For example, all

policies shall be Occurrence Liability policies or all shall be Claims Made Liability policies, if approved by the County as noted above. In no cases shall the types of policies be different.

12. **Premium Payments** The insurance companies shall have no recourse against the COUNTY and funding agencies, its officers and employees or any of them for payment of any premiums or assessments under any policy issued by a mutual insurance company.
13. **Material Breach** Failure of the Contractor to maintain the insurance required by this agreement, or to comply with any of the requirements of this section, shall constitute a material breach of the entire agreement.
14. **Certificate Holder** The Certificate Holder on insurance certificates and related documents should read as follows:

County of Nevada
950 Maidu Ave.
Nevada City, CA 95959

Upon initial award of a contract to your firm, you may be instructed to send the actual documents to a County contact person for preliminary compliance review.

Certificates which amend or alter the coverage during the term of the contract, including updated certificates due to policy renewal, should be sent directly to Contract Administrator.

Contractor Name: Sierra Business Council

Description of Services: Firewise Grants Management Services

SUMMARY OF MATERIAL TERMS

Max Annual Price: \$100,000 **Max Multi-Year Price:** N/A
Contract Start Date: 7/12/2022 **Contract End Date:** 3/1/2023
Liquidated Damages: N/A

INSURANCE POLICIES

Commercial General Liability	(\$2,000,000)
Automobile Liability	(\$1,000,000)
Worker's Compensation	(Statutory Limits)
Professional Errors and Omissions	(\$2,000,000)
Director and Officers (D&O) Liability Insurance \$1,000,000 per occurrence or claim, \$2,000,000 aggregate.	

LICENSES AND PREVAILING WAGES

Designate all required licenses: N/A

NOTICE & IDENTIFICATION

COUNTY OF NEVADA:

Nevada County
CEO Office Department

Address: 950 Maidu Ave.
City, St, Zip Nevada City, CA 95959
Attn: Joshua White
Email: Joshua.white@co.nevada.ca.us
Phone: 530-470-2767

CONTRACTOR:

Sierra Business Council

Address 10183 Truckee Airport Road
City, St, Zip Truckee, CA 96161
Attn: Kristin York
Email: kyork@sierrabusiness.org
Phone: (530) 582-4800

Contractor is a: (check all that apply)

- Corporation: Calif., Other, LLC,
- Non- Profit Corp Yes No
- Partnership: Calif., Other, LLP, Limited
- Person: Indiv., DbA, Ass'n Other

EDD Worksheet Required

Yes No

ATTACHMENTS

- Exhibit A:** Schedule of Services
- Exhibit B:** Schedule of Charges and Payments
- Exhibit C:** Insurance Requirements

Is this grant request to support immediate relief/response to a specific active (or recent) natural hazard event?

Yes

What is the amount of the grant you are requesting?

\$100,000

What type of event will this grant be used to respond to?

Extreme weather

Has the event been declared a disaster by a government body? (check all that apply):

Yes, County and State

Briefly describe the event and its impact on your community to date in terms of economic impact, loss of life, destruction of property, displaced persons, etc.

On December 30th, 2021 the Nevada County Board of Supervisors along with the State of California proclaimed an emergency in response to an intense winter snowstorm. On the morning of December 27th 2021, this storm brought excessive amounts of snow to areas that typically receive little to no snow. The effects were devastating, as the storm brought down an extreme number of trees and limbs blocking roadways, destroying power poles, leaving thousands without power, and leaving a tremendous volume of down and dead vegetation throughout the County. Some areas were hit harder than others. This emergency drove approximately 1,000 of the Nevada County's residents to shelters in search of housing, warmth, or electrical power over a two-week period. In the aftermath of the storm hundreds of calls for assistance were received by 211 from residents reporting blocked roadways as well as damage to infrastructure and homes. Coordinated storm response and rescue efforts helped ensure that no lives were lost, and County and community partners responded with evacuation support, wood and propane assistance, food and water deliveries, sheltering resources, and more. Some of the hardest hit communities were Alta Sierra, Banner Mountain, and Cascade Shores. Over 270 miles of publicly maintained roads required clearing due to imminent fire and life safety hazards on primary ingress and egress routes. The County of Nevada and its local agencies have documented almost \$10 million in response and recovery costs, including an estimated \$5 million to clear downed trees from public roads and right of ways.

One of the lasting results from this storm event for Nevada County is the unusually high amount of hazardous vegetation which is quickly making the county extremely vulnerable to wildfire. Community concern and motivation is high. The storm debris crisis is visible throughout the County, and the desire for response has been seen in the record-breaking amounts of green waste being dropped off by residents during county sponsored free drop off events as well as reported by local Fire Departments including Cal Fire.

Describe your community foundation's plans for using these funds.

In response to the high levels of hazardous vegetation left by the December snowstorm, Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation plans to partner with the County of Nevada in consultation with the CA

Governor's Office of Emergency Services to provide a Storm Debris Response Micro-Grant Program. This program will be directed at supporting community action in response to storm related hazardous vegetation. Specifically, our grant program offers financial support to communities and homeowners to implement hazardous vegetation management including;

- Increased defensible space around homes
- Removal of hazardous vegetation from private property
- Clearing of evacuation routes on private roadways

This has been determined as a high priority for this community and the County and State Office of Emergency Services. While the County maintains public roadways, resources to support private land are scarce, and the need is urgent.

The Storm Debris Response Micro-Grant program would make grants of a total of 26 micro-grants of \$3,600 each available to existing National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certified Firewise communities located in Nevada County to implement projects immediately. Firewise communities will be encouraged to apply for a micro-grant to fund a project in their community to manage storm related vegetation, clean-up and debris processing. Project examples could include renting a chipper for community use, contracting for transportation of downed vegetation to processing sites, renting equipment or hiring a contractor to clear evacuation routes on private roadways.

There is currently little assistance or funding provided to private property owners who are struggling to remove hazardous vegetation and create defensible space around their homes. The Storm Debris Response Micro-Grant program would help fill the gap between local governments responsibility to clear right of ways and property owners' responsibility to address their parcels.

How do you envision funds from this grant advancing equity and helping you reach the most vulnerable or underserved members in your community? How will you know if you are reaching them?

Nevada County has one of the highest numbers of NFPA certified Firewise communities in California covering a majority of the county. Nevada County's Firewise communities are all-volunteer organizations without paid staff, dues collection or budget leaving them with little resources to defend their homes from wildfire. Providing a micro-grant program supporting Firewise communities would be a step toward empowering communities vulnerable to wildfire as a result of the December 27th snow-storm event.

This is an equity-focused program. Approximately 102,000 people in rural Nevada County live across 978 square miles of diverse and rugged rural lands in the Northern Sierra Nevada range. The overwhelming majority, 91%, of Nevada County has been determined by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's Fire and Resource Assessment Program to be either a high or very high fire hazard severity zone. The impacts of climate change, extreme fire and extreme weather-induced events, have a disproportionate impact on the elderly, individuals on a fixed or low income, residents without access to transportation, as well as those who are socially and physically isolated. Nearly one third (28.4%) of the Nevada County population is 65 years of age or older; 13.6% higher than the state average. Our grant program offers financial support to communities and homeowners to implement hazardous vegetation management including;

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Funding community efforts to accomplish these projects will reducing risk as well as promote empowerment and peace of mind.

Our proposed program will also specifically ensure that underserved communities are prioritized, using a scoring tool that will elevate applications from Firewise communities in underserved locations. The tool created uses data collected by the County of Nevada Department of Social Services aggregating the locations of CalWORKS, CalFRESH, Medi-Cal and other support service recipients into zip codes allowing for the prioritization of zip codes with the highest underserved populations.