



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

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

**RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE NEVADA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE NEVADA COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE (NCSSAR) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION AND ENDORSING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE 2023 TRUCKEE TAHOE AIRPORT DISTRICT AGENCY PARTNERSHIP REQUEST PROCESS FOR PURPOSES OF FUNDING A RAPID RESPONSE MOBILE COMMAND (RMMC) VEHICLE FOR EASTER NEVADA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Truckee Tahoe Airport District (TTAD) provides a funding program entitled "Agency Partnership" to support, when funds are available, "community events, programs and projects held for the general benefit of the community". Funding, if available, is established by the TTAD Board of Directors annually during the budget process. The Agency Partnership program is aimed at (1) "forming active and mutually beneficial relationships with organizations and/or public agencies" and (2) "providing benefit and value to the common constituents of both the TTAD and the partnering agency"; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada County Sheriff's Office has been responsible for search and rescue activities in the County of Nevada for several decades, coordinating these activities with other state and local agencies, as well as volunteer organizations including the Nevada County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team (NCSSAR) which is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, whose members are all registered Disaster Service Worker volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Sheriff's Office and NCSSAR is to provide excellence in public service in partnership with our community; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada County Sheriff's Office and NCSSAR desire to maintain security and search and rescue capabilities in the Nevada County High Country; and

WHEREAS, NCSSAR wishes to request \$60,000 in funds through the TTAD's Agency Partnership program to purchase and equip a Rapid Response Mobile Command (RMMC) vehicle. The RMMC vehicle will provide greater mobility and response times in responding to search and rescue missions or wildfire evacuation efforts, enhance search and rescue volunteer safety and effectiveness through better communications apparatus, and will result in reduced greenhouse gas emissions as a result of transitioning from the current Incident Command 26 ft trailer that requires towing or from having to use vehicles located in western county; and

WHEREAS, NCSSAR, a nonprofit organization, will match the the grant funding request of \$60,000 dollar for dollar (total project cost of \$120,000) utilizing existing revenues gained through donations and fundraisers; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada County Sheriff's Office is not directly contributing to this project but provides agency support to NCSSAR in the form of staff time as well as some operational funding that for the last three fiscal years has averaged over \$60,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, the RMMC vehicle aligns with multiple Truckee Tahoe Airport District public purposes including aviation-related public safety efforts, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and general community safety efforts for the entire Truckee Tahoe region; and

WHEREAS, the Agency Partnership program requires applicants to seek an endorsement of such an application from the local governing board, which endorsement is to be conveyed through adoption of a formal resolution supported by findings. There is no financial obligation associated with this endorsement; and

WHEREAS, if the grant application is successful, NCSSAR timeframe for project completion is estimated to be from October 2023 to January 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board of Supervisors does hereby support the Nevada County Sheriff's Search and Rescue's application to the Tahoe Truckee Airport District for Agency Partnership funds to purchase and equip a Rapid Response Mobile Command (RMMC) vehicle.
2. The Board of Supervisors finds this application to serve a public benefit. The Nevada County Sheriff's Search and Rescue regularly conducts missions in the challenging terrain of the Nevada County High Country and where coordinated communication and rapid response is critical to the success of these missions. The RMMC vehicle will vastly improve the speed and mobility for establishing incident command operations in increased proximity to operations, whether for search and rescue or wildfire evacuations. NCSSAR is an important part of the network of emergency responders in the area. NCSSAR is largely dependent on donations to ensure that the team of volunteers is trained and has needed equipment and vehicles to conduct successful operations. Finding a means to create an updated, mobile, nimble, and fuel efficient command vehicle through the TTAD partnership will greatly enhance the effectiveness of the Search and Rescue operations and in turn will result in public benefit to the County of Nevada in the Truckee Tahoe region by ensuring that this vital emergency response team is able to continue to protect and when necessary, rescue residents of and visitors to Nevada County.