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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: November 12, 2024
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: David Garcia, Director of Public Works
SUBJECT: Resolution approving submittal and acceptance of \$148,941 of Fiscal Year 2023-24 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) PUC 99313 and 99314 Funding Administered by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution

FUNDING: Funding for this Agreement is provided through Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Funding and is included in the Transit Services Fiscal Year 2024/25 budget. A budget amendment is not required, and there is no impact to the General Fund.

BACKGROUND:

The Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) is one of several programs established by Senate Bill 862 (2014) that provides operating and capital assistance for transit agencies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve mobility. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is the administrative agency for LCTOP. Caltrans is responsible for ensuring that the statutory requirements of the program are met, and local agency recipients are responsible in ensuring projects selected provide maximum public benefits for transit ridership, greenhouse gas reductions and other co-benefits. Eligible projects are operational or capital projects that must be consistent with the project leads most recent short range transit development plan, regional plan or publicly adopted plan that programs funds for transit projects including a transportation improvement plan.

The current 2023-24 LCTOP total allocation amount for Nevada County is \$148,941 (99313 - \$142,258 via NCTC; 99314 - \$6,683 via the County). Nevada County Connects submitted an operating grant application for the full allocation amount. The County was awarded for the full amount on September 13, 2024. The planned project is as follows:

- Continuation of the Low-Income Pass Subsidy program providing subsidized bus passes to qualifying individuals with annual income of 138 – 200 percent of the federal poverty level.

The purpose of the proposed project is to enhance transit accessibility by removing cost barriers associated with the purchase of monthly bus passes. The program currently provides passes to approximately 113 individuals per month. The program supports the consumers of our partner agencies such as FREED, Behavioral Health and Social Services.

Attachments:

1. Resolution approving submittal and acceptance of \$148,941 of Fiscal Year 2023-24 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) PUC 99313 and 99314 Funding Administered by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
2. 2024 LCTOP Sponsorship Letter
3. FY 2023/24 LCTOP Low-Income Pass Grant Application
4. FY 2023/24 Caltrans LCTOP Letter of No Prejudice Approval 23-24-D03-019
5. October 8, 2024, LCTOP Award Letter from Caltrans

Item Initiated by: Robin Van Valkenburgh, Transit Services Manager
Approved by: David Garcia, Director of Public Works