



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY DIRECTOR, OR THEIR DESIGNEE, TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE REGIONAL CLIMATE COLLABORATIVE GRANT PROGRAM, FOR FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000.

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the program shown above; and

WHEREAS, Nevada County's Board Objectives have identified Emergency Preparedness as a priority objective since 2017 due to an increased risk of wildfires and severe winter storms, and

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2022 the Board adopted Resolution 22-092 outlining its objective on Emergency Preparedness to "lead the community in all hazards planning, preparedness, response, and recovery with a focus on wildfire, and

WHEREAS, the Board has also identified Economic Development as a major objective, by emphasizing resiliency and entrepreneurship; retaining and attracting high quality jobs' investing in major infrastructure projects; and working with local, state, and federal partners to support our small business, nonprofit, and tourism sectors

WHEREAS, the Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Program is a new capacity building grant program for under-resourced communities in California, administered by the Strategic Growth Council, and

WHEREAS, the goal of the program is to strengthen local coordination, leadership, knowledge, skills, and expertise with a particular focus on increasing access to funding resources for project planning and implementation within under-resourced communities, and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will bring together key partners and stakeholders in Nevada County and surrounding areas to form a collaborative with a focus on supporting existing Firewise Communities and helping to establish and maintain Firewise Communities in under-resourced communities within and adjacent to Nevada County, and

WHEREAS, the proposed project aims to create a Forest Health Resource Hub to be facilitated by key partners, and will provide access to funding opportunities, access to both formal and informal training with the goal of improving the health of our local forests and hardening our homes and communities against wildfire and extreme winter storms, and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will contribute to workforce development and forest health by streamlining pathways into forest health jobs for local workforce, and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will establish a local collaborative that will be a model of communication and cooperation between remote, disparate groups in rural California that other rural communities in California can look to as an example in the near and distant future,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, that the Board of Supervisors hereby approves and authorizes the submittal of a grant application to the Regional Climate Collaboratives Program in the amount of \$500,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors approves the following:

1. The Director of the Community Development Agency, or their designee, is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and file an application for funding with the Regional Climate Collaboratives Program and take such other actions necessary or appropriate to obtain grant funding.
2. The Director of the Community Development Agency, or their designee, is hereby authorized and directed to submit any required documents, funding requests, and reports required to obtain grant funding.
3. Certifies that the project will comply with any laws and regulations including, but not limited to, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), legal requirements for building codes, health and safety codes, the California Labor Code, disabled access laws, and that prior to commencement of the project, all applicable permits will have been obtained.