



**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo**

MEETING DATE: June 24, 2025

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Alex Keeble-Toll – Director of Emergency Services

SUBJECT: Resolution approving Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with United Way of Nevada County to reallocate \$24,000 in grant funds to the Office of Emergency Services to continue building collaborative community education around wildfire preparedness with a focus on Go-Bags, authorizing the Director of Emergency Services to execute the amendment, and directing the Auditor Controller to amend the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Office of Emergency Services Budget (4/5 affirmative vote required)

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The \$24,000 in grant funds were received into the Office of Emergency Services in Fiscal Year 2022/2023 and not expended. A budget amendment has been included for approval.

BACKGROUND: In 2022, The United Way of Nevada County (UWNC) received \$24,000 in grant funding from the United Way of the Wine Country to support wildfire mitigation activities in Nevada County. On January 10, 2023, Nevada County accepted these funds (Resolution No. 23-025) to augment the FEMA funded Access and Functional Needs Program Phase 1 and provide additional defensible space assistance to residents of Nevada County.

Nevada County OES contracted the Nevada County Fire Safe Council to implement the objectives of the Access and Functional Needs Program. The grant funds from United Way were intended to complete “above and beyond” defensible space work outside the capabilities of Fire Safe Council staff. The Fire Safe Council never contracted with a vendor to complete the “above and beyond” work and thus the \$24,000 in grant funding from the United Way of Nevada County has gone unspent.

In 2024, OES and UWNC partnered for a successful Go-Bag party which provided emergency preparedness supplies and educational materials to over 800 Nevada County Residents. The two parties have mutually agreed that the \$24,000 in unspent funds for the Access and Functional Needs Program be would well be utilized by continuing to build collaborative community education around wildfire preparedness with a focus on Go-Bags.

This resolution would amend the contract between OES and UWNC to allow the funds to be included in the OES budget for use on expenditures related to wildfire and disaster preparedness education and materials with an emphasis on Go-Bags. All funds would be expended by June 1, 2026.

Item Initiated by: AJ Zekanoski, Administrative Analyst I

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