



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO AMEND THE INFORMATION AND GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FISCAL YEAR 2021/22 BUDGET (4/5 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE)

WHEREAS, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors made Broadband a 2021 Board Objective: “Equitably expand broadband to support economic development, distance-learning, telework, telemedicine, and general quality of life for all residents by championing the implementation of Nevada County Broadband Strategy Plan policies and last-mile infrastructure projects;” and

WHEREAS, because expediting access to the internet for all residents is an on-going Board priority, the Board established the “Last-Mile Broadband Grant Program” in 2019, which is funded with Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) dollars intended to promote economic development, and in April 2020, the Board approved Resolution 20-148 awarding grants to two local internet service providers (ISP) in the first round of grants; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors, at their January 2021 Board Workshop, approved \$250,000 to fund the second round of the Last-Mile Broadband Grants Program and allocated another \$250,000 from the PG&E Settlement Funds for a total of \$500,000 for FY 20/21; and

WHEREAS, the County’s Broadband Work Group, working with the Sierra Business Council, (who has a Professional Services Agreement with the County of Nevada, Resolution 20-283), sought “Last-Mile Broadband Grant” applications from ISPs to support distance learning, remote working, and tele-medicine; and

WHEREAS, the Sierra Business Council and County staff conducted a competitive application process and identified four applications for recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for final approval and award; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2021, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 21-141, awarding \$500,000 in “Last-Mile Broadband Grants” to four local Internet Service Providers as follows: Nevada County Fiber, Inc., in the amount of \$113,000; Northern Sierra Broadband, in the amount of \$120,000; Exwire, Inc. (dba Oasis Broadband), in the amount \$62,000; and Spiral Fiber, Inc., in the amount of \$205,000; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 21-141 directed the Auditor-Controller to release funds in the amount of \$250,000 from the Economic Development Infrastructure Assignment in order to support the financing of the full \$500,000 in “Last-Mile Broadband Grants”, with the remaining \$250,000 allocated from PG&E Settlement Funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to retain the financing plan as established in Resolution 21-141; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Agreements authorized in Resolution 21-141 were not executed in Fiscal Year 2020/21 due to some necessary modifications of the terms of the Grant Agreements and will be hereby executed as modified thereby requiring a budget amendment in Fiscal Year 2021/22.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, that the Auditor-Controller is directed to release funds in the amount of \$500,000 from unassigned General Fund balance and amend the Information and General Service Administration Fiscal Year 2021/22 Budget as follows (4/5 affirmative vote required):

Increase:	
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