



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

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

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE GRANT AWARD AGREEMENTS FOR LAST-MILE BROADBAND GRANT PROGRAM – FINAL ROUND BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NEVADA AND EXWIRE, INC. (DBA: OASIS BROADBAND) AND AT&T IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,167,624, AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION AND GENERAL SERVICES TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AWARD AGREEMENTS AND ANY RELATED DOCUMENTS, AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR- CONTROLLER TO RELEASE \$250,000 FROM THE BOARD PRIORITIES ASSIGNMENT IN THE GENERAL FUND AND \$750,000 FROM THE SPECIAL PROJECT CONTINUATION ASSIGNMENT IN THE GENERAL FUND AND AMEND THE INFORMATION AND GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FISCAL YEAR 2024/25 BUDGET (4/5 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE REQUIRED)**

WHEREAS, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors made Broadband a continued Board Objective for 2024 through Resolution 24-073 on February 20, 2024 stating: “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, the Board originally established the “Last-Mile Broadband Grant Program” in 2019 through Resolution 19-429 authorizing Sierra Business Council to assist with the solicitation, facilitation and administration of the Last-mile Broadband Grant Pilot Program with the goal of expediting access to the internet for all residents; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Last Mile Broadband Grant Program the Board awarded \$177,109 round one through Resolutions 20-147 and 20-148 and \$500,000 round two through Resolutions 21-141, for a total Board awarded amounts in rounds one and two of \$677,109; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors, at their January 2024, Board Workshop, received a presentation regarding the final funding round of \$1,000,000 of the Last-Mile Broadband Grants Program; and

WHEREAS, the County’s Broadband Work Group, working with the Sierra Business Council, sought applications from internet service providers (ISP) assigned to the County’s Qualified List; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by a four-fifths affirmative vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada , State of California, that:

1. Grant Award Agreements be, and hereby are, approved in substantially the form attached hereto to Exwire, Inc. (dba Oasis Broadband) and AT&T for the following projects and project amounts not to exceed \$1,167,624:

- a. Oasis Broadband- Harmony Ridge, Blue Tent and Nevada City, in the amount of \$221,989
- b. Oasis Broadband- Donner Summit, in the amount of \$156,437
- c. AT&T- Alta Sierra, in the amount of \$389,198
- d. AT&T- Wolf/Higgins Corner, in the amount of \$400,000

2. The Director of Information and General Services, or designee, is authorized to sign the agreements and any related documents required to complete the projects.

3. The Auditor-Controller is directed to release funds in the amount of \$250,000 from the Board Priorities Assignment in the General Fund, \$750,000 from the Special Project Continuation Assignment in the General Fund, and \$167,624 from Unassigned fund balance in the General Fund, and to amend the Information and General Service Administration Fiscal Year 2024/25 Budget as follows:

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0101-11003-538-5000-521520	\$1,167,624