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

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**MEETING DATE:** July 11, 2023

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Shannan Moon, Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator

**SUBJECT:** Resolution affirming the partnership between the Nevada County Sheriff's Office and the Nevada County Sheriff's Search and Rescue (NCSSAR) nonprofit organization and endorsing the submittal of a grant application to the 2023 Truckee Tahoe Airport District Agency Partnership Request Process for purposes of funding a Rapid Response Mobile Command (RMMC) vehicle for eastern Nevada County.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the resolution

**FUNDING:** There is no impact to the Sheriff's Office budgets and/or the General Fund. The Nevada County Sheriff's Search and Rescue (NCSSAR), which is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is requesting \$60,000 in grant funding from the Truckee Tahoe Airport District. NCSSAR will provide an equal match to the funding request of \$60,000.

**BACKGROUND:** The Truckee Tahoe Airport District 2023 Agency Partnership Request process requires the attached resolution to apply for grant funding through this program. NCSSAR is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$60,000 from TTAD Agency Partnership program to purchase and equip a Rapid Response Mobile Command (RRMC) vehicle to be stationed in Truckee and will be used to serve the eastern Nevada County region during search and rescue missions and fire evacuation. The application package is due July 31, 2023.

The RRMC vehicle will be a customized highly mobile 4-wheel drive Sprinter van and will replace the current incident command (IC) trailer which is over 26 ft long and requires a heavy-duty truck with a qualified driver to tow it. The total project cost for a mission ready RRMC vehicle is \$120,000 of which \$60,000 is requested in grant funds and the NCSSAR nonprofit organization will match this amount (\$60,000) with existing funds. Additionally, NCSSAR will engage in future fund raising to fully buildout the RRMC vehicle, which is estimated at an additional \$62,554 (full buildout cost of \$182,554) in the future. NCSSAR believes that the mission ready (even if not the fully built out version) RRMC vehicle will provide superior services to the current IC trailer.

NCSSAR is a volunteer organization (115+ team members) that is operated out of the Sheriff's Office, which falls under the jurisdiction of the Nevada County Board of Supervisors. To better facilitate fundraising efforts, the NCSSAR created a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a board of directors consisting of members of the Sheriff's Office and NCSSAR team leadership that manages private party donations and funds collected during annual fundraisers. The \$60,000 in funds requested from TTAD will be matched on a one-to-one basis from funds provided by the NCSSAR nonprofit.

The County of Nevada Sheriff's Office, while not directly contributing to this funding request, has provided significant support of NCSSAR through the provision of staff time for volunteer oversight as well as some operational support, which for the last three fiscal years has averaged over \$60,000 per year. Additionally, the Sheriff's Office has purchased or obtained via donation, several capital assets that are predominantly in use within District 5, including two snow cats and four mountain bikes that support off-road patrolling as well as search and rescue efforts in remote areas.

The purchase of an RRMC vehicle to be stationed in Truckee would mutually benefit NCSSAR, TTAD, Eastern Nevada County and the entire Truckee Tahoe region. The advanced capabilities of this vehicle allow for faster incident response and more efficient incident resolutions while enhancing volunteer safety.

**Initiated and Approved by:** Shannan Moon