



NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 25, 2024

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Craig Griesbach – Director of Emergency Services

SUBJECT: Resolution accepting the proposed Forest Reserve (Title III) spending plans for Forest Reserve Funding in the amount of \$67,400 and directing staff to schedule a public hearing on August 20, 2024 for final approval.

RECOMMENDATION: Designate the below projects as the spending plan, excluding the cost of public notice, for County Fiscal Year 2024/25. Direct staff to file notice of a 45-day public comment period and schedule a public meeting on August 20, 2024 for approval of spending plan and receipt of public comments.

- North San Juan Fire Protection District – 10,000gl Water Storage System
- Nevada County Consolidated Fire District – Rope Rescue, Confined Space, Swift Water Rescue, and Collapse & Trench Rescue Training
- Washington Fire Department – Education and Enforcement Volunteer Program, Training, Materials, and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

FUNDING: Forest Reserve Title III funds to be allocated in Federal Fiscal Year 2023/24 and accumulated fund balances as needed. The total funding for these projects is \$67,400, with no impact to the General Fund.

BACKGROUND: The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (SRS Act), was enacted to provide five years of transitional assistance to rural counties affected by the decline in revenue from timber harvest on federal lands. SRS funding continued to be extended in subsequent years and has currently been funded through Federal Fiscal Year 2023/24 but at diminishing levels with significant restrictions. Funds are limited to search and rescue and other emergency services, training costs and equipment purchases for emergency services, developing and carrying out community wildfire protection plans, and carrying out activities under the Firewise Communities program. The projects recommended for funding allocation are in alignment with these allowable activities.

In order to appropriate these funds, the Act requires that the Nevada County Board of Supervisors approve a spending plan and hold a 45-day public comment period. Should the Board approve the spending plan proposed, staff will publish the required 45-day public comment notice and return to

the Board on August 20, 2024 for final approval and, with Board approval, staff will also bring forward contracts with the entities that are proposed to receive funding.

Item initiated and approved by: Craig Griesbach, Director of Emergency Services, OES