



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL FOREST FOUNDATION'S 2023 INNOVATIVE FINANCE FOR NATIONAL FORESTS (IFNF) GRANT PROGRAM REQUESTING \$150,000 TO FUND AN ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY STUDY OF IN-DEPTH CROSS-JURISDICTIONAL FINANCING MODELS AND PARTNERSHIPS TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF RECREATION & RESILIENCY PROJECTS ON TAHOE NATIONAL FOREST PUBLIC LANDS IN NEVADA COUNTY AND AUTHORIZING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (CDA) DIRECTOR OR THEIR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THIS APPLICATION AND OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada adopted Recreation as a 2023 Board Objective with Resolution No. 23-0068; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Recreation Objective is to promote sustainable recreation in partnership with community providers and other jurisdictions to enhance recreation access, support public health and safety, realize economic opportunities and preserve national resource assets; and

WHEREAS, the Innovative Finance for National Forests grant program emphasizes three focus areas of watershed health, sustainable recreation infrastructure and access, and wildfire resiliency and recovery; and

WHEREAS, the principal goal of the IFNF Grant Program is to support the development and implementation of innovative finance models that leverage private and public capital other than US Forest Service annual appropriations to enhance the resilience of the National Forest System and deliver commensurate returns to stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, Nevada County is proposing an economic and financial feasibility study to support the funding of recreation and resiliency projects that would help mitigate threats to life, property, the environment and outdoor recreation economy from wildfire, climate impacts and increased visitation;

WHEREAS, the study would cover 265 square miles of US Forest Service's Tahoe National Forest public lands in Nevada County and surrounding headwaters of the Bear, Yuba, and Truckee Rivers; and

WHEREAS, this study will also include a Joint Governance and Partnership Strategy to help set the conditions for deploying non-federal funding to cross-jurisdictional projects; and

WHEREAS, the economic and financial analysis will provide models that (1) invest in natural resource protection, wildfire resilience/vegetation management, sustainable tourism practices and critical infrastructure; (2) increase visitor spending and optimize fee structures; (3) enhance revenues to local gateway communities including sales/lodging taxes; (4) diversify economic development opportunities; and (5) value the benefits and return on investment from mitigation strategies that avoid loss of life, property, the environment and outdoor recreation economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, hereby

1. Approves the submittal of an application to the National Forest Foundation's Innovative Finance for National Forests (IFNF) grant program requesting \$150,000 to fund an economic and financial feasibility study of in-depth cross-jurisdictional financing models and partnerships to support implementation of Recreation and Resiliency projects on Tahoe National Forest public lands in Nevada County; and
2. Approves that the Community Development Agency (CDA) Director or their designee is authorized to execute this application and other required documents. The acceptance of the IFNF grant award will be brought to the Board of Supervisors for approval per County policy.