



NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: May 9, 2023

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Steve Monaghan, Director of Information and General Services

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing a grant application to the State of California Budget Act of 2021 (SB 129) Building Forward Library Infrastructure Program in the amount \$1,918,714

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The total project budget is \$3,357,750, which includes the \$1,918,714 requested amount as well as a required match. Grantees will be required to provide matching funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis; however, applicants may request a reduction in their match based on Local Operating Income Per Capita (LIPC). We have requested this reduction to 75% consistent with our LIPC, resulting in a total match obligation of \$1,439,036. We have identified \$1,185,000 in match funding at this time; Nevada County will provide \$500,000 as identified at the 2023 Board Workshop from library fund balance, Town of Truckee has committed to \$285,000, and the Friends of the Truckee Library have allocated \$400,000. Friends of the Truckee Library seeking additional local funding and is confident in their ability to secure the remaining match. A budget amendment is not required at this time. If selected for an award, the grant will be brought back to the Board of Supervisors for approval to accept the award and approve the final match funding.

BACKGROUND: In fall of 2021, the State announced the Building Forward Library Infrastructure program. The Budget Act of 2021 (SB 129) allocated \$439 million in one-time funds to the California State Library to address life-safety and critical maintenance needs of public library facilities throughout California. Other library infrastructure projects may be considered if funding remains after priority projects have been evaluated. This competitive grant program prioritizes funding for local library facilities located in high poverty areas of the state.

Nevada County applied in Round One of the grant funding in 2022, authorized by Resolution 22-126, and was not awarded a grant. In this current Round Two of funding, a total of \$175 million in funding will be awarded with the maximum grant amount per library facility being \$10 million.

Pursuant to SB 129, Round Two funding will be prioritized for the following:

1. Projects addressing life safety and other critical maintenance needs;
2. Projects serving high poverty areas of the state; and
3. Projects which improve energy efficiency, sustainability, and expand digital and physical access.

Nevada County has maintained a collaborative partnership with The Friends of the Truckee Library and the Town of Truckee with the shared goal of developing a new, larger library facility. This need and project were discussed at Board Workshops beginning in 2020 and addressed at the 2021 and 2022 workshops, and has been an identified need in the County's Capital Facilities Master Plan since 2012.

The current Truckee library is not energy efficient, cannot fully meet connectivity and technology infrastructure needs, is not ADA-compliant, and is at maximum capacity according to the 2012 Capital Facilities Master Plan. The 4,500 square-foot building was constructed in 1975 for a population of 2,000; our immediate service area's permanent population now exceeds 20,000 residents.

Utilizing feedback from the local community, as well as findings from outside consultants, the new facility is designed to meet many of the unmet needs of the community, especially for the socio-economically disadvantaged members of the community. The new facility will provide benefits including access to consistent broadband, ADA accessibility, workforce development, expanded physical access, and will also serve as a community shelter during extreme weather and/or other local emergencies.

The overall project is the construction of an approximately 20,000 square foot library facility for the Truckee-North Tahoe Region. Funds requested through this proposal are \$1,918,714, and combined with the requisite matching funds of \$1,439,036, will be used to pay for project planning, design, permitting, and other pre-construction activities necessary to bring the larger project to a shovel-ready state.

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Item Initiated by: Mandy Stewart, Administrative Analyst II

Approved by: Steve Monaghan, Director, Information and General Services Agency