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OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NEVADA AND SIERRA BUSINESS COUNCIL (SBC) FOR THE SOLICITATION, FACILITATION, AND ADMINISTRATION OF A NEVADA COUNTY LAST-MILE BROADBAND GRANT, IN THE AMOUNT OF $25,000 FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 23, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021, APPROVING THE GRANT AMOUNT OF $225,000 AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO AMEND THE INFORMATION GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FISCAL YEAR 2019/20 BUDGET (4/5 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE REQUIRED)

WHEREAS, in 2012 the County of Nevada established an Economic Development Infrastructure Assignment for economic development improvement projects that is funded by transient occupancy tax (TOT) collected in the unincorporated areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors outlined its support to ensure that Nevada County has the opportunity to further develop and expand its broadband infrastructure to the unserved and underserved communities in the unincorporated areas of the County in its Letter of Support for AB 1665 (Garcia) - Internet for All Now Act dated May 9, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 18-324 on June 26, 2018 in support and to promote the expansion, access and usage of broadband networks and advanced communication services throughout Nevada County to positively impact areas of healthcare, public safety, schools, colleges, libraries, community support organizations, businesses, social-networking, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2019 the Board of Supervisors adopted its 2019 Board Objectives and Legislative Priorities via Resolution 19-070 that included as a Priority B Objective to support job-enhancing economic development with an emphasis on infrastructure that expands or preserves commerce and provides leadership and coordination opportunities to bring funding sources and community partnerships together including ERC, SBC, RCRC, CSAC and USDA; and

WHEREAS, the greatest challenges to broadband expansion and development in Nevada County is the Last-Mile that refers to the final leg of broadband extension that delivers telecommunications network chain that physically reaches an end-user's premise; and

WHEREAS, Sierra Business Council (SBC) manages the Gold Country Broadband Consortium (GCBC) with the mission to increase digital access and use of broadband in the counties of Nevada, Placer, El Dorado, Sierra and eastern Alpine County that is funded by the California Advanced Services Fund Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia grant program; and

WHEREAS, SBC is uniquely positioned as the County's subject matter expert on broadband to solicit, facilitate and administer a Last-Mile Broadband Grant for the development and expansion of broadband in Nevada County to support and promote economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Last-Mile Broadband Grant for the development and expansion of broadband in Nevada County will be awarded through the facilitation process with SBC in the amount of $225,000 which will be brought back to the Board for award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, of the County of Nevada, State of California, that the Personal Services Contract between the County of Nevada Sierra Business Council for the solicitation, facilitation, and administration of a Nevada County Last-Mile Broadband Grant, in the amount of $25,000, for the period of July 23, 2019 through June 30, 2021, for an approved grant amount of $225,000, be and hereby is approved, and that the Chair of the Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized to execute the Contract on behalf of the County of Nevada.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors, of the County of Nevada, State of California, directs the Auditor-Controller to release funds in the amount of $250,000 from the Economic Development Infrastructure Assignment and to amend the Information General Services Administration Fiscal Year 2019/20 Budget as follows:

Increase:
0101-11003-531-1000/ 521520 $250,000