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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: November 12, 2019

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Trisha Tillotson, Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Authorization to Approve Amendment to the Agreement with the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County, Inc., for Implementation of State Fire Assistance Grant Subgrant Number 17 SFA 81341

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The Fire Safe Council of Nevada County, Inc. received an additional \$70,000 in funding as part of the California Fire Safe Council Grant in State Fire Assistance Grant Funds per Subgrant number 17 SFA 81341. \$63,000 is to be reimbursed to the County upon completion of vegetation removal. There is no impact to the General Fund.

BACKGROUND: On May 9, 2017, the Board of Supervisors approved a letter of support for a grant application whereby the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County, Inc., (FSCNC) and the County of Nevada would partner to implement vegetation removal throughout the County. On November 1, 2017, the FSCNC received a Subaward Letter from the California Fire Safe Council, through a master grant from the U.S. Forest Service, for wildfire prevention, including hazardous fuels reduction and maintenance projects on non-federal land. The grant award is for \$200,000, which includes \$30,000 for grant administration from FSCNC and \$170,000 for vegetation removal by the County of Nevada. On August 14, 2018, the Board of Supervisors approved an agreement with the FSCNC to do vegetation removal on the following roads: Tyler Foote Crossing Road, North Bloomfield-Graniteville Road, La Barr Meadows Road, McCourtney Road and Lime Kiln Road.

The FSCNC was able to secure additional funding of \$70,000 for the same project and received an award letter from the California Fire Safe Council dated September 17, 2019. Ten percent of the funds are necessary for grant management whereas the remaining \$63,000 is available for vegetation removal costs. Once the amendment is approved, staff will submit a request for payment as the Road crew has already completed over \$216,000 in vegetation work over the past three months.

This proposed amendment will assist in addressing the Board of Supervisors 2019 Priority A objective of reducing the risk of wildfire by pursuing hazard vegetation mitigation funding sources and support related community partners with their efforts.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Trisha Tillotson, Director of Public Works

Submittal Date: October 25, 2019

Revised Date: October 31, 2019