

RESOLUTION NO.____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION APPROVING EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH NEVADA COUNTY FIBER, INC. FOR THE BANNER MOUNTAIN SOUTH/DEER CREEK PROJECT AS A PART OF THE NEVADA COUNTY LAST-MILE BROADBAND GRANT PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 2019/20 IN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$124,209 FOR THE TERM OF APRIL 28, 2020 THROUGH APRIL 28, 2022

WHEREAS, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 18-324 outlining its support 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, school, colleges, libraries, community support organization, businesses, social-networking, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code §26227 articulates that the board of supervisors of any county may appropriate and expend money from the general fund of the county to establish county programs or to fund other programs deemed by the board of supervisors to be necessary to meet the social needs of the population of the county; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 19-429 approving the Personal Services Contract with the Sierra Business Council for the solicitation, facilitation, and administration of a Nevada County Last-Mile Broadband Grant and approved the total maximum grant(s) amount of \$225,000 for Fiscal Year 2019/20 as a Pilot Program; and

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2020 the Sierra Business Council presented to the Nevada County Board of Supervisors its recommendation awarding two of the three Broadband Grant applications for Fiscal Year 2019/20 to Exwire, Inc. and Nevada County Fiber in the amount of \$52,900 and \$124,209, respectively; and

WHEREAS, on February 25, 2020 the Board of Supervisors directed staff to develop Grant Award Agreements with Exwire, Inc. and Nevada County Fiber in the amount of \$52,900 and \$124,209, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Nevada County has determined that Nevada County Fiber, Inc. is qualified, willing and able to provide the resources necessary to ensure timely and successful completion of the proposed Banner Mountain South/Deer Creek Project as submitted for the Fiscal Year 2019/20 Last-Mile Broadband Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, that the Grant Agreement by and between the County of Nevada and Nevada County Fiber, Inc. for a maximum grant amount of \$124,209 to support their efforts to promote broadband in Nevada County through the Banner Mountain South/Deer Creek Project for the term of April 28, 2020 through April 28, 2022, be and hereby is approved in substantially the form attached hereto, and that the Chair of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to execute the Grant Agreement on behalf of the County of Nevada.

Funds to be disbursed from account: 0101-11003-531-1000/521520.