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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: June 8, 2021

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Steve Monaghan, Chief Information Officer

SUBJECT: Resolution accepting a Grant from the California

Emerging Technology Fund in the amount of \$50,000 for grant period February 24, 2021 through December 31,

2021

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution

<u>FUNDING</u>: These funds will be received into the Information and General Services Administration General Fund Budget in FY 20/21 and FY21/22. A budget amendment is not required at this time.

BACKGROUND:

Grant funds provided by the California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) will be utilized to develop strategies and tools to facilitate and accelerate the deployment of high-speed Internet infrastructure, commonly referred to as "broadband" including both wireline and wireless technologies, throughout Nevada County to ensure access to robust networks that reach at least 98% of all residents to support public safety, distance learning, telehealth, telework, commerce and economic development, and the ability to apply for public services and participate in public meetings. The CETF Grant includes pro bono technical assistance from Crown Castle and Nossaman LLP to provide expertise in the development and refinement of strategies and tools. Each firm has agreed to provide at least 40 hours of pro bono professional consultation to include: input on the scope of investigation; development of materials; and peer review of deliverables and work products. The deliverables and work products developed will be utilize within Nevada County to help guide companies through working with the County and subsequently distributed and shared with public agencies and other stakeholders throughout California.

Item Initiated by: Elise Strickler

Approved by: Steve Monaghan