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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: September 28, 2021

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Steve Monaghan—IGS—Emergency Services

SUBJECT: Resolution approving acceptance of the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding for the Nevada County HMGP DR-4353-023-033R, "Nevada County Abatement Program, Phase I" for the term of September 28, 2021 through September 13, 2022 in the maximum amount of \$516,273.75 for the 75% Federal share with a 25% local share of \$172,091.25.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: On July 13, 2021, FEMA under the HMGP approved and issued funds to complete DR-4353-023-033R, "Nevada County Abatement Program, Phase I". This grant program provides federal dollars at a rate of 75% of the total costs and requires a local, non-federal share at 25% to be covered by County of Nevada. There is no immediate fiscal impact resulting from this resolution. HMPG funding is reimbursement based, and no contracts have yet been awarded to deliver grant-funded services.

BACKGROUND: Section 404 of the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. 5170c authorizes the HMGP after a Major Federally Declared Disaster to ensure the opportunity to take critical mitigation measures to reduce the risk of loss of life and property from future disasters.

The total project cost for Phase I of the "Nevada County Abatement Program, Phase I" is \$688,365. \$516,273.75 has been obligated for the 75 % Federal share; the 25 percent non-Federal share is \$172,091.25.

Grant funds will help mitigate the threat of wildfire by providing residents of Nevada County with defensible space assistance to reduce hazardous vegetation around their residences. Phase I will consist of defensible space treatment on 78 properties that have expressed interest and have been pre-inspected for eligibility, along with pre-inspections of an additional 400+ homes that would be eligible for treatment in Phase II, along with community awareness training. The treatment prescription is for the management of vegetation within 100 feet, and up to 300 ft, of structures depending on home siting, vegetation type, and overall fuel loading. In addition, treatment will



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include 10 feet along the road/driveway shoulder with a 15-foot vertical clearance for emergency equipment response, as funding allows.

County of Nevada is pursuing grant funds from the Community Development Block Grant—Mitigation Resiliency (CDBG-MIT-RIP), managed by the California Department of Housing and Community Development, for the FEMA-4353-DR 2017 disaster to fulfill the 25% non-federal, local match. County of Nevada will explore a cost-share assistance model, and provide in-kind match, if CDBG-MIT-RIP funds are not approved for the local, non-federal share of the “Nevada County Abatement Program, Phase I” program.

This resolution approves the acceptance of the FEMA HMGP funding for the Nevada County HMGP DR-4353-023-033R, "Nevada County Abatement Program, Phase I" for the term of September 28, 2021 through September 13, 2022 in the maximum amount of \$516,273.75 for the 75% Federal share with a 25% local share of \$172,091.25. The Office of Emergency Services will bring contracts to the Board at a later date for the execution of the grant activities.

Item Initiated by: Jenn Tamo

Approved by: Steve Monaghan