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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-4344-703-150R, "Access and Functional Needs Program, Phase I" for the term of September 28, 2021 through July

14, 2022 in the maximum amount of \$498,167.29 for the 75%

Federal share with a 25% local share of \$166,055.76.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: On May 14, 2021, the FEMA HMGP approved and issued funds to complete DR-4344-703-150R, "Access and Functional Needs 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 program 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 "Access and Functional Needs Program" is \$664,223.05. \$498,167.29 has been obligated for the 75% Federal share; the 25% non-Federal share is \$166,055.76.

Grant funds will help mitigate the threat of wildfire by providing defensible space assistance to residents living with disabilities, older adults, and residents with low-income. Phase I will consist of defensible space treatment on 45 properties that have expressed interest and have been pre-inspected for eligibility, along with pre-inspections of an additional 365 homes that will be eligible for treatment in Phase II. The treatment prescription is primarily for the management of vegetation within 100 feet, but up to 300 ft, of structures dependent upon home siting, vegetation makeup,

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and overall fuel loading. In addition, treatment will include 10 feet along the road/driveway shoulder with a 15-foot vertical clearance for emergency equipment response.

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-4344-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 "Access and Functional Needs Program, Phase I" program.

This resolution approves the acceptance of the FEMA HMGP funding for the Nevada County HMGP DR-4344-703-150R, "Access and Functional Needs Program, Phase I" for the term of September 28, 2021 through July 14, 2022 in the maximum amount of \$498,167.29 for the 75% Federal share with a 25% local share of \$166,055.76. 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