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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: October 12, 2021

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Steve Monaghan, Chief Information Officer

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION CONFIRMING SUPPORT AND CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$255,500 OVER THE FIVE YEAR PERIOD OF FY 18/19 THROUGH FY 22/23 TO ACHIEVE THE VISION OF A NEW TRUCKEE REGIONAL LIBRARY FACILITY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FRIENDS OF THE TRUCKEE LIBRARY AND THE TOWN OF TRUCKEE**

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: The Resolution confirms support and quantifies Nevada County's contributions, including paid and anticipated direct costs and estimated in-kind costs of staff time, from FY18/19 through FY22/23. Staff time is included in the budget and any future contract expenditures will be brought forth at a later date. A budget amendment is not required at this time.

BACKGROUND:

Nevada County has maintained a collaborative partnership with the Friends of the Truckee Library and The Town of Truckee with the shared goal of developing a new larger library facility. This need and project were discussed in detail at the Board's 2020 annual workshop and has been an identified need in the County's capital facilities master plan since 2012. The County has been working closely with the Friends of the Truckee Library, The Town of Truckee, and other community stakeholders to move this project forward.

The County recognizes the significant benefits libraries offer constituents, including providing access to books, educational programming, access to computers, workspace, career resources, and a community gathering place. Built in 1975 when Truckee's population was 2,000, the current Truckee library is now tasked with serving a community of more than 20,000, and increased space is important to maintain basic operations and provide the range of programming for the local community.

In 2021, the County updated the countywide Capital Facilities Planning Documents. The need for a new Truckee library facility was affirmed in the documents.

In 2019, County staff began the process of engaging regularly with The Town of Truckee and Friends of the Truckee Library to discuss the site for a new library and how to move the project forward. As a result, the County funded an engagement with LDA architectural firm. LDA conducted community surveys and workshops to program and design a new Truckee library facility. The result of this work was a design with quality site and building renderings that Friends of Truckee Library and the community use to share the vision and build support for a new Library facility.

In early 2021, it was determined that no single agency can accomplish this project alone and thus a Joint Powers Authority would need to be created to leverage capabilities, build community support, and to facilitate a new facility's financing and construction. On April 27, 2021, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 21-140, approving the Request for Proposals and Scope of Services for Truckee Regional Library Joint Powers of Authority (JPA), and authorizing the Purchasing Division to advertise for qualified proposals. That process is currently underway.

Friends of the Truckee Library is taking an active role in outreach and engagement, building community support, and raising local funds, by creating the LibraryUP initiative aimed at educating people on the community-building benefits of this new library and community center. Friends of the Truckee Library is applying for a grant from the Tahoe Truckee Airport District, administered by the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation, due October 29th. Funds requested will boost Friends of the Truckee Library's capacity to continue building community support. This grant application requires public agency endorsement and matching support and specifically requires:

“[T]he motion approved by the public agency governing board should

- a) Describe the public benefit of the request and/or partnership opportunity
- b) Outline what the partnering agency intends to contribute to the request
- c) Express support for the requested event, program, or project
- d) If applicable, name the partnering nonprofit organization”

Therefore, staff recommends the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached resolution that:

1. Supports the grant request by Friends of the Truckee Library to the Tahoe Truckee Airport Grant program for \$150,000 to further the development of the new Truckee Library project;
2. Acknowledges the significant public benefit of a new Truckee Library; and
3. Affirms the County's direct and in-kind contributions to the project to establish the new Truckee Library in the 5-year period between FY 18/19 and FY 22/23 in a total approximate amount of \$255,500.

Item Initiated by: Ariel Lovett, Senior Administrative Analyst

Approved by: Steve Monaghan, Director, Information and General Services