



# Information and General Services Department

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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** November 16, 2021

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Steve Monaghan – IGS-Emergency Management

**SUBJECT:** Resolution accepting the proposed Forest Reserve (Title III) spending plans for Forest Reserve Funding in Fiscal Years 2021/22 and 2022/23 in the amount of \$55,000 and directing staff to schedule a public hearing on January 11, 2022 for final approval

**RECOMMENDATION:** Designate *Firewise Communities Expansion* as the sole spending plan, excluding the cost of public notice, for FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23. Direct staff to file notice of a 45-day public comment period and schedule a public meeting on January 11, 2022 for approval of the spending plan and receipt of public comments.

**FUNDING:** Forest Reserve Title III funds to be allocated in FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23. The total funding available is \$27,500 in FY 2021-22 and \$27,500 in FY 2022-23, with no impact to the General Fund.

**BACKGROUND:** The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (SRS Act), was enacted to provide five years of transitional assistance to rural counties affected by the decline in revenue from timber harvests on federal lands. SRS funding continued to be extended in subsequent years and has currently been funded through FY 2021-22 but at diminishing levels with significant restrictions. Current funds are from federal FY 2020 and FY 2021, with payments corresponding to the County for FY 2020-21 and 2021-22. Funds are limited to carrying out the Firewise Communities program and reimbursement of County Search and Rescue efforts on National Forest lands.

To date, the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County has helped 64 communities attain and maintain certification as Firewise Communities. With funding from the Forest Reserve Title III funds, Fire Safe Council of Nevada County proposes to recertify 23 existing Firewise Communities and certify 40 communities currently on the waitlist.

In order to appropriate these funds, the Act requires that the Nevada County Board of Supervisors (BOS) approve a spending plan and hold a 45-day public comment period. Should the Board approve the spending plan proposed, staff will publish the required 45-day public comment notice and return to the Board on January 11, 2022 for final approval and, with Board approval, staff will also bring forward a contract with the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County.

**Item Initiated by:** Jenn Tamo  
**Approved by:** Steve Monaghan