



City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Grass Valley and County of Nevada to memorialize funding commitments to support emergency services programs and projects.

Recommendation: That Council 1) review the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County of Nevada; 2) adopt Resolution No. 2022-74 approving the Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) between the County of Nevada (“County”) and the City of Grass Valley (“City”), contingent upon voter approval of the Nevada County Wildfire Prevention, Emergency Services, and Disaster Readiness Transactions and Use Tax (“Measure V”); and 3) authorize the Mayor execute MOU, subject to legal review.

Prepared by: Timothy Kiser, City Manager

Council Meeting Date: 09/27/2022

Date Prepared: 09/21/2022

Agenda: Consent

Background Information: If Measure V is approved by voters at the November 8, 2022, General Election, funds would come from a one-half-percent transaction and use tax (i.e., sales tax). The County of Nevada estimates twelve million dollars to be generated annually for ten years through the sales tax to provide critical resources needed to save lives, reduce the threat of wildfires, and improve all-hazards disaster readiness and evacuation safety, and other general government services.

The purpose of the MOU would be to memorialize funding commitments to support programs and projects serving City and Supervisorial District III residents. The calculation would be based on an aggregate value that includes direct financial allocations to the City, direct benefits delivered and/or based in District III, and indirect benefits from shared services.

The MOU would memorialize the County’s investment of thirteen-point-six percent (13.6%) of annual Measure revenues (or \$1,632,000 based on estimated total revenue of \$12 Million) held within the County’s General Fund on programs and projects that directly benefit the City and District III.

The MOU's allocation methodology is described below:

The County will pay 7.5% of the total annual revenue (or \$900,000 based on estimated total revenue of \$12 Million) to the City to be spent on programs and projects that fall into the categories of preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery, and are in alignment with approved local or regional plans and/or County plans such as the Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan, Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, evacuation plans, etc. These funds may be used to, without limitation, provide prevention and mitigation services such as fuels reduction on public properties and roadways (such as those of the City, County, schools, airport, special districts, and critical infrastructure including hospitals), implement defensible space programs, and other eligible uses within City limits or its sphere of influence.

The County will spend 6.1% of the total annual revenue (or \$732,000 based on estimated total revenue of \$12 Million) on programs, services and/or projects that are delivered and located in District III, as well as indirect programs and services such as but not limited to Countywide planning, emergency communications, outreach and education programs, etc. The projects and programs for 6.1% of Measure revenue shall be developed by the City in coordination with the Western Technical Advisory Committee pursuant to MOU, and implemented by the City, County and/or other eligible entity.

The allocation for District III shall require citizen oversight, mandatory financial audits, and reports to the public consistent with practices for the rest of the Measure V fund.

Attached is the MOU for Council review and information.

Council Goals/Objectives: This item executes portions of work tasks towards achieving / maintaining Community Safety.

Fiscal Impact: If Measure V is approved by voters in the November 8, 2022, General Election, funds would come from its one-half percent transaction and use tax (sales tax).

Funds Available: YES

Account #: TBD

Reviewed by: Tim Kiser, City Manager _____