RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Authorize the Fire Chief to sign the 2007 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Award in the total amount of $740,388 for the purchase of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus. This grant was one of four separate applications approved by the Board and involves regional project partnership with Mariposa Public Utility District (MPUD) with the 5% cost share prorated between agencies to reduce the cost. Pro-rated cost share is $33,984 for Mariposa County and $3,036 for MPUD.

This grant will allow the purchase of new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus at a minimal cost to the county.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board previously approved the request for permission to apply for the grant. This request is to authorize the Fire Chief to accept designated federal funds. The required match is included in the FY2007/2008 budget.

Board has approved grant applications in the past allowing for the purchase of new safety equipment and apparatus.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Forgo an opportunity to purchase new fire safety equipment.

Budgeted In Current FY? (x) Yes (✓) No Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $547,881
Additional Funding Needed: $192,507

Source:
Internal Transfer X
Unanticipated Revenue 4/5's vote
Transfer Between Funds X 4/5's vote
Contingency X 4/5's vote
[ ] General [ ] Other

List Attachments, number pages consecutively
1] Budget Action Form
3] Grant Approval Letter
4-11] Grant Agreement
12] Direct Deposit Form

CLERK’S USE ONLY:
Res. No. 08-2 Ord. No. Approved
Vote – Ayes: 5 Noes: Absent: 0

Minute Order Attached [ ] No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.
Date: ____________________________
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California
By: ______________________________
Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:
✓ Requested Action Recommended
No Opinion
Comments:

Margaret B. W. CAO:

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**ACTION REQUESTED:** (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

[ ] Budget appropriation by Board of Supervisors (4/5ths Vote Required): Amending the total amount available in the county budget, or in any fund of the budget, or appropriating Reserve for Contingencies.

[ ] Transfer by Board of Supervisors (3/5ths Vote Required): Moving existing appropriations from one budget to another, or between categories within a budget unit;

**JUSTIFICATION:**

Accounting adjustment to reflect increase in grant award

**DEPT HEAD SIGNATURE:**

**DATE:** Dec 18, 2007

**APPROVED BY**

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**DATE:** 1-8-08

**AUDITORS USE ONLY**

BA#
MEMO

Date: January 8, 2008

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Jim Wilson, Fire Chief

RE: Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)

The AFG program is a highly competitive federal grant program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Grants are awarded to fire departments to enhance their ability to protect the public and fire service personnel from fire and related hazards. This grant will permit both Mariposa County Fire and Mariposa Public Utility District Fire to upgrade and replace all Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) units as well as the face masks and air bottles with NFPA 2007-compliant models. In addition, 17 Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) packs, a computerized OSHA-mandated fit test machine, and appropriate software will be purchased. This is a regional grant intended to standardize all County agencies with this vital safety equipment.

In fiscal year 2007 the AFG program received 20,731 applications totaling in excess of $3.1 billion. Nationally, the AFG awards, which will be distributed in phases, will ultimately provide approximately $490 million to fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations throughout the country.

AFG awards aim to enhance response capabilities and to more effectively protect the health and safety of the public with respect to fire and other hazards. The grants enable local fire departments and emergency medical services organizations to purchase or receive training, conduct first responder health and safety programs, and buy equipment and response vehicles.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grants program has been instrumental in building capacity and providing needed resources for our nation’s firefighters. From the purchase of equipment to first responder training, the AFG program has helped improve response capabilities and saved lives and property in communities throughout the United States.

Since 2004, AFG has provided almost $3.1 billion in grants to fire departments and first responder organizations to purchase response equipment, personal protective equipment, vehicles and fire prevention activities. AFG is administered cooperatively by two FEMA components: the National Preparedness Directorate and the United States Fire Administration.