DEPARTMENT: Fire Protection

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Authorize the Fire Chief to apply for Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant. Funds are distributed through the CDF for the Federal Government. This grant requires a 50% cost share and expenditures proposed in the FY 2008/2009 budget would meet the match requirement. Amount of this application is limited to $20,000, however, the department has been successful by itemizing total project cost. This grant occurs annually and the Board has approved application each year.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Board has approved grant agreements to upgrade fire equipment in the past.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Forgo an opportunity to replace old fire shelters and replace with new generation fire shelters

Financial Impact? (x) Yes ( ) No Current FY Cost: $ 
Budgeted In Current FY? (x) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $19,968
Additional Funding Needed: $ 
Source: 
Internal Transfer 
Unanticipated Revenue ( ) 4/5’s vote 
Transfer Between Funds ( ) 4/5’s vote 
Contingency ( ) 4/5’s vote 
( ) General ( ) Other 

County Administrative Officer: 
Requested Action Recommended 
No Opinion
Comments: 

Clerk’s Use Only:
Res. No.: Ord. No. 
Vote – Ayes: Noes: 
Absent: 
( ) 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

Revised Dec. 2002
To: FIRE CHIEFS IN CALIFORNIA

From: RUBEN GRIJALVA, Director
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

Date: February 8, 2008

Telephone: (916) 653-7772

Website: www.fire.ca.gov

Subject: VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE – FISCAL YEAR 2008-09
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

We are soliciting applications from fire departments in rural areas and communities with a population of 10,000, or less for awards under the Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Program of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978.

Although the funding level for California in Fiscal Year 2008-2009 is anticipated to be in excess of $900,000, we believe we will not be able to fund all of the award requests. Because of this, requests for new, unused automotive fire apparatus will not be considered. If you wish to apply for Federal Excess Property, you may do so by contacting the local California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Unit Headquarters. See attached list.

Recipients of these applications, who for any reason do not wish to participate, are encouraged to pass the material along to a neighboring community who may not have received it. Any qualifying department may obtain additional applications or information by contacting the local CAL FIRE Unit Headquarters.

In order to ensure timely consideration, completed applications must be submitted to the local CAL FIRE Unit Headquarters on the attached list no later than March 21, 2008.

CAL FIRE anticipates completion of the application review process in June 2008. Only applicants receiving awards will be notified. Successful applicants should receive notification and the award agreement no later than June 30, 2008. Successful applicants must complete their approved project(s) using local funds between July 1, 2008 and July 31, 2009, and then bill CAL FIRE within the award agreement period in order to receive the award. The award will not cover expenditures made prior to July 1, 2008, or after July 31, 2009.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CONSERVE ENERGY. FOR TIPS AND INFORMATION, VISIT “FLEX YOUR POWER” AT WWW.CA.GOV.
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

As a result of the recommendation from the Blue Ribbon Report to the Governor of California, we are including a Grant Assurance form in the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Application package. By completing and signing the Grant Assurance form, you are certifying that your Wildland Firefighters are fully equipped with appropriate, approved wildland fire response Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) that meets National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1977, Standard on Protective Clothing and Equipment for Wildland Fire Fighting, and are trained to a proficient level in the use of the PPE.

"Firefighter safety must be of paramount concern. It is critical for the health and safety of Firefighters responding to Wildland/Urban Interface fires that they be properly equipped with the appropriate protective, safety and communications equipment necessary to perform their duties."

Multi-Jurisdictional Recommendation 7
Blue Ribbon Report to the Governor of California.

As an employer, you are responsible for providing personal protective clothing and equipment to your employees. Supervisors are responsible for enforcing clothing and equipment standards and informing employees concerning safety hazards. Supervisors are also responsible for seeing that their employees are properly trained in the purpose, use, and maintenance of protective clothing and equipment. Each employee responding to, or engaged in emergency services such as structural, vehicle, and related fire suppression activities will use the appropriate safety clothing and equipment. Departments that are not in compliance with NFPA standards for Wildland Firefighter safety clothing and equipment will be considered a higher priority for funding reimbursement of Firefighter PPE through the Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Program.

If you have any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact Karen Mayer at (916) 653-6179 or email Karen.Mayer@fire.ca.gov.

Attachments

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Grant Assurances for
Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978, Volunteer Fire Assistance

Name of Applicant: Mariposa County Fire Department

Address: 5082 Bullion Street P.O. Box 162

City: Mariposa State: CA Zip Code: 95338

Telephone Number: (209) 966-4330

Fax Number: (209) 966-0252

E-Mail Address: jwilson@mariposacounty.org

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant named above:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for the Volunteer Fire Assistance grant, of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 and has the institutional, managerial and financial capability to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the grant.

2. Will assure that grant funds are used only for items requested in the application.

3. Assures that all wildland fire response employees (full-time, part-time or volunteer) are fully equipped with appropriate wildland fire response personal protective equipment that meets NFPA 1977, Standard on Protective Clothing and Equipment for Wildland Fire Fighting, and are trained to a proficient level in the use of the personal protective equipment. Wildland fire suppression safety clothing and equipment includes:

- Safety helmet
- Goggles
- Ear protection
- Nomex hood, double-layered shroud, or equivalent face and neck protection
- Nomex shirt, with sleeve liners and Nomex pants
- Gloves
- Safety work boots
- Wildland fire shelter
- Communications equipment
4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.

5. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain for themselves or others, particularly those with whom they have family, business or other ties.

6. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other federal laws, executive orders, regulations, program and administrative requirements, policies and any other requirements governing this program.

7. Understands that failure to comply with any of the above assurances may result in suspension, termination or reduction of grant funds.

☐ In compliance.

☐ Not in compliance but are applying for grant funding to purchase personal protective equipment.

The undersigned represents that he/she is authorized by the above named applicant to enter into this agreement for and on behalf of the said applicant.

Signature of Authorized Agent: [Signature]

Printed Name of Authorized Agent: Jim Wilson

Title: Fire Chief

Date: 3-12-08
EXHIBIT A
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION
APPLICATION FOR FUNDING
COOPERATIVE FORESTRY ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1978
VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - Agreement #7FG

Type or print neatly in ink. Complete in duplicate. Submit original to CAL FIRE Operational Unit and keep one copy for your file.

A. DEPARTMENT/ORGANIZATION
Name: Mariposa County Fire Department
Street Address: 5082 Bullion Street
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 162
City, State, Zip: Mariposa CA 95338
Telephone: 209-966-4330

B. AREA TO BE SERVED BY AWARD (Includes areas covered by contract or written mutual aid agreements).
Number of Communities: 13  Area: 1,400 sq. miles  Congressional District #: 19
Population: 17,500  Annual Budget: $362,000  Latitude
Longitude

C. ACTIVITY: Average annual number of emergency incidents.
Fire: 450  EMS: 1305  Other: 210  = Total: 1970

D. PURPOSE OF GRANT (Check all that apply. HazMat, EMS, and Rescue equipment are not authorized).
Safety Equipment  XX  Fire equipment  ____  Radio Equipment  ____  Training  ____

E. PROPOSED PROJECT (List individual items for funding):

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PROJECT TOTAL COST $19,968

F. TOTAL APPLICATION REQUEST (UP TO 50%; $500 minimum; Possible $20,000 maximum) $9,984

AMOUNT FUNDED FOR THIS AGREEMENT $9,984
G. INDIAN TRIBAL COMMUNITY (If project includes an Indian Tribal community, please provide):

Population: 500  Number of Structures: 30 on allotment land
Size (acres): N/A  Distance to nearest fire station (miles): 2-6 miles

H. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Briefly describe the area to be served: fire protection system; water system; equipment; facilities; equipment; staffing; hazards; etc.; Briefly explain purpose of project):

SEE ATTACHMENT.

In addition to the original request(s), Applicants may list alternative projects for excess or unused funds, which the State will review during the initial application process. The State will determine which of the Applicant’s projects are eligible for funding if excess or unused funds become available. Upon advance written approval by the State, the applicant may use additional/excess funding, up to the contract maximum amount; to purchase State approved items in listed order of priority on their application.

Deviations from the original application are considered an amendment and require additional processing and approvals before expenditures can be approved.

The funds will be only for those projects accomplished and/or items purchased between July 1, 2008 and July 31, 2009. The Recipient agrees to provide the CAL FIRE itemized documentation of the Agreement project expenditures and bill the CAL FIRE as soon as the project is complete, but no later than September 1, 2009. The Recipient gives the CAL FIRE or any authorized representative access to examine all records, books, papers, or documents relating to the Agreement. The Recipient shall hold harmless the CAL FIRE and its employees for any liability or injury suffered through the use of property or equipment acquired under this Agreement. The applicant certifies that to the best of applicant’s knowledge and belief, the data in this application is true VFA Application Contingency Clause

Authorized Representative Signature

Jim Wilson
Printed Name

Fire Chief
Time

3-12-08
Date

VFA Exhibit A (Rev. 01/2008)
H. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Briefly describe the area to be served: fire protection system; water system; equipment; facilities; equipment; staffing; hazards; etc.; Briefly explain purpose of project):

Mariposa County Fire Department (MPA) consists of 13 engine companies strategically located throughout the county. MPA is an all-risk, volunteer-dependent fire department maintaining 120 volunteer members, most of whom are cross trained in multiple disciplines including wildland firefighting. Mariposa County is primarily a rural living environment with most homes intermingled in the overgrown chaparral/oak woodland landscape of the Sierra foothills. MPA provides primary structure protection during a wildland fire and is prepared and available to assist CAL FIRE, USFS, BLM and MPA within the protection boundaries of MPA.

MPA is general funded and augmented by meager company-level community fund raisers. Due to a very limited budget and the all-risk mission, most equipment purchases are limited and spread over extended time periods. Without grant funding, purchase of this vital safety equipment would be delayed.

Each year the department evaluates its safety equipment needs for the succeeding fire season and administration has determined that it is necessary to replace older wild land fire shelters. Based on research following multiple fatality fires, a new generation fire shelter has been developed and is currently available. MPA is dedicated to member safety and actively promotes the national fire service's "Everyone Goes Home" safety theme.

By replacing older wild land fire safety shelters with new generation versions and providing appropriate training, MPA is ensuring every member has the best opportunity of avoiding serious injury or death from the single most dangerous situation our department faces – catastrophic wild land fire.
Fire Shelter, Complete (M-2002)

New-generation fire shelter provides increased protection from radiant and convective heat in wildland firefighter entrapment situations. This set includes: fire shelter (NSN 4240-01-498-3184); nylon duct carrying case (NSN 8465-01-498-3190); carrying case plastic liner (NSN 8465-01-498-3191). Forest Service Spec 5100-606. (NFES #0923)
Deployed size: Length: 86"; Height: 15-1/2"; Width: 31".

| 4240-01-498-3194 | Regular | $288.93 |

Fire Shelter, Complete (M-2002) (Large)

New-generation fire shelter provides increased protection from radiant and convective heat in wildland firefighter's entrapment situations. Large size shelter designed for firefighters taller than 6' 1" or whose girth exceeds 53" at any point. The larger fire shelter provides better protection for larger people by allowing less contact of the shelter material with the occupant's body. It provides more air space between the shelter and occupant. The large fire shelter is easily identified by the orange deploy strap. This set includes: fire shelter (NSN 4240-01-529-8804); nylon duct carrying case (NSN 8465-01-498-3190); carry case plastic liner (NSN 8465-01-498-3191). Forest Service Spec 5100-606. (NFES #0975)
Deployed size: Length: 96"; Height: 19-1/2"; Width: 33".

| 4240-01-527-5248 | Large | $324.25 |