RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve the grant agreement for the use of Title III funding from the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (HR 2389) for the continued funding of the Mariposa County Fire Safe Council from July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2011, in the amount of $159,048; Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign the grant agreement.

This funding proposal meets the criteria to receive Title III funding by involvement in fire prevention and education activities. A description of the proposal was published in the publication record on July 3, 2008, and the 45-day comment period has ended. No comments were received.

The Forest Reserve fund has a current unencumbered balance of $231,838 available for new projects. This Act has now expired and at the time this board item was prepared, the federal government had not extended funding. If the Board approves this proposal it will leave an available balance of approximately $72,790 for new Title III projects.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
On June 17, 2008, the Board tentatively approved the use of Title III funding for this proposal pending the completion of the 45-day comment period.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Do not approve the use of Title III funding for this proposal. The Mariposa County Fire Safe Council will need to identify a different funding source to carry out their program. Direct staff to solicit alternative project proposals that meet the requirements of Title III projects as detailed in HR 2389.

Financial Impact? (X) Yes ( ) No Current FY Cost: $ 
Budgeted In Current FY? (X) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $231,838 
Additional Funding Needed: $0-
Source:
Internal Transfer
Unanticipated Revenue ______ 4/5's vote
Transfer Between Funds ______ 4/5's vote
Contingency ______ 4/5's vote
( ) General ( ) Other

CLERK'S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: 08-420 Ord. No. 
Vote – Ayes: 4 Noes:
Absent: 
Approved 
( ) Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California

CAO:

Revised Dec. 2002
TO: RICHARD J. BENSON, CAO
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: Approve the Grant Agreement for the Use of Title III Funding from the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (HR 2389) for the Continued Funding of the Mariposa Fire Safe Council from July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2011, in the Amount of $159,048 and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Agreement

RESOLUTION 08-420

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPosa COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on August 26, 2008

ACTION AND VOTE:

Richard J. Benson, County Administrative Officer/Personnel/Risk Manager;
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BOARD ACTION: Following discussion with Rick Benson, (M)Pickard, (S)Aborn, Res. 08-420 was adopted approving the agreement as recommended. Supervisor Bibby advised that she supports the Fire Safe Council program, but would prefer that the contract be on a year-to-year basis. Ayes: Aborn, Turpin, Fritz, Pickard; Noes: Bibby.

Cc: Jim Wilson, Fire Chief
Mary Hodson, Deputy CAO
Fire Safe Council
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