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 2004 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:

The Board has approved grant agreements to improve fire service delivery to the community in the past.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Forgo an opportunity to provide equipment to the volunteers for fire suppression.
EXHIBIT A

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION
APPLICATION FOR FUNDING
COOPERATIVE FORESTRY ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1978
VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - Agreement #7CA_____

Type or print neatly in ink. Complete in duplicate: Submit original to CDF 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: 750 sq. miles  Congressional District #: ______
Population: 17,000  Annual Budget: $1,021 Lat/Latitude
              Longitude

C. ACTIVITY: Average annual number of emergency incidents.

Fire: 530 + EMS: 1400 + Other: 250 = Total: 2200

D. PURPOSE OF GRANT (Check all that apply. HazMat, EMS, and Rescue equipment are not authorized).

Safety Equipment X Fire equipment Radio Equipment Training

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

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PROJECT TOTAL COST $45,605

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

AMOUNT FUNDED FOR THIS AGREEMENT $
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):

The Mariposa County Fire Department consists of thirteen individual engine companies located throughout the County. The department is generally funded and replacement of non-conforming equipment must be accomplished over an extended period of time due to cost. Upgrading this equipment is critical due to the age, which exceeds twelve years of age.

Over the last five years the department has processed most of the turnouts to upgrade, patch and clean in order to extend the life. Addition of new turnouts has been limited due to budget. Our priority is replacement of our structure equipment personal protective equipment.

Due to the size of the department, we are forced to schedule purchases over multiple budget years to accomplish purchase of the personal protective equipment.

The funds will be only for those projects accomplished and/or items purchased between July 1, 2004 and July 31, 2005. The Recipient agrees to provide the CDF itemized documentation of the Agreement project expenditures and bill the CDF as soon as the project is complete, but no later than September 1, 2005. The Recipient gives the CDF or any authorized representative access to examine all records, books, papers, or documents relating to the Agreement. The Recipient shall hold harmless the CDF 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.

Authorized Representative Signature

Blaine E. Shultz

Printed Name

Date

VFA Exhibit A (Rev. 09/03)