

DEPARTMENT: Fire Protection BY: Blaine Shultz PHONE: 966-4330

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: YES () NO (X))

Request that the Board of Supervisors approve Rural Community Fire Protection Grant Application. Purpose of the grant will be to fund radio pager purchases.

The department is required to upgrade all pagers to meet CDF dispatch center requirements. The replacement program is 60% complete and this grant accelerates the program.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Board has authorized approval of grant applications in the past.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Not approve grant application and require the fire department forego accelerated replacement.

COSTS: (X) Not Applicable
A. Budget current FY \$ 0
B. Total anticipated costs \$ 0
C. Required Additional funding \$ _____
D. Internal transfers \$ 0

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
List the attachments and number the pages consecutively

SOURCE: () 4/5ths Vote Required
A. Unanticipated revenues \$ _____
B. Reserve for contingencies \$ _____
C. Source Description: Contingency
D. Balance in reserve for contingencies if approved: \$ _____

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS RECOMMENDATIONS

Resolution No: 98-19 Order No: _____
Vote - Ayes 3 Noes _____
Absent Blaine, Abstained _____
Approved Blaine () Denied
() Minute Order Attached () No action necessary
The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

This item on agenda as:

- Recommended
- For policy determination
- Submitted with comment
- Return for further action

Date:

Comments:

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

By: _____
Deputy

A.O. Initials: JS

DATE: 1/2/98

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

GRANT APPLICATION: RURAL COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM

PURPOSE:

Acquisition of pagers which met current CDF dispatch capabilities. This will augment the on-going pager replacement program of the department. This fiscal year we will replace pagers for Stations 27 (Mormon Bar), 23 (Catheys Valley), and 33 (Fish Camp).

COST:

Grant request of \$4,800 will provide 50% of the costs to meet this pager upgrade program.

FUNCTION:

The department has been engaged in a program to upgrade our pagers to meet the CDF dispatch requirements. The pagers can be activated by the new CDF dispatch system and older units in use are not capable of operation.

The CDF has advised that we must be capable of this new service by 1999.

COST TO COUNTY:

\$ 4,800 provided in the approved FY 1997/1998 budget.
Account 001-0228-542.06-80

MATCHING FUNDS:

The expenditure of the funds listed above provide the match.

POTENTIAL:

We have been successful in the past, however, the grant managers have advised that overall funding is limited.

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DATE: OCTOBER 31, 1997
TO: FIRE CHIEFS IN CALIFORNIA

FROM: RICHARD A. WILSON, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: RURAL COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION GRANT - FY 98-99

RECEIVED

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) is again soliciting applications from fire departments in rural areas and communities under 10,000 population for grants under the Rural Community Fire Protection Program (RCFP) of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978.

Since the funding level for California is expected to be approximately \$41,000 for this cycle, it is a certainty that we will be able to meet only a portion of the grant 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 ranger unit headquarters of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. (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 ranger unit headquarters.

In order to ensure timely consideration, complete applications must be submitted to the local ranger unit headquarters on the attached list no later than January 31, 1998.

We anticipate completion of the application review process in April 1998. Only applicants receiving grants will be notified. Successful applicants will receive notification and the grant agreement no later than June 30, 1998. **Effective with this grant cycle, successful applicants must complete their approved project(s) using local funds no later than July 31, 1999, and bill CDF within the grant agreement time frames in order to receive the grant.**

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Attachments

FACT SHEET
COOPERATIVE FORESTRY ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1978
RURAL COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION PROGRAM

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) is given the responsibility by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to administer the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978, and has been authorized to make grants on a matching basis to public entities such as cities, counties, special districts and volunteer fire departments.

GRANTS ARE PROVIDED ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS. RECIPIENTS MUST COMPLETE THE APPROVED GRANT PROJECT USING LOCAL FUNDS AND THEN BILL CDF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GRANT AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO RECEIVE THE GRANT FUNDS.

PROVISIONS OF ACT

The ACT provides for financial assistance to organize, train and equip local forces in rural areas and communities to prevent, control and suppress fires threatening life, resources and other improvements. This assistance is available only to communities under 10,000, but groups of smaller communities may join together in a combined effort to service more than 10,000 people.

Out of the total national figure to be funded for the 1998-99 fiscal year, California expects to receive approximately \$41,000.

Financial assistance for any project cannot exceed 50% of actual expenditures made by the local community.

Priority will be given to multi-community projects such as countywide planning, regional coordination groups, and several communities planning protection for an entire rural area.

HOW FUNDS CAN BE USED

- Cost-share funds will be granted to local governments to provide assistance to rural areas in upgrading their capability to organize, train and equip local forces for fire protection. Grants will be limited to a minimum of \$500 and a maximum of \$5,000.
- Funds available for the current year are very limited. Further assistance may be provided through loans from other sources of Federal funds for purchase of major items of equipment and facilities.
- Proposed projects should be compatible with existing protection of state, county and local areas. Communities imposing strict boundary limits, i.e., excluding rural residents, will not be considered in this program.
- Funds cannot be used for construction of major facilities such as fire stations.

RCFP Facts (Rev. 9/97)

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- The use of funds for new fire engines and other apparatus is not encouraged. Federal excess vehicles can be obtained through loan from the Director and converted to fire engines. The cost of the conversion may be funded under this program.
- Training of local fire forces in both wildfire and structural fire techniques is a primary goal of this program. The program should include a basic training program of at least 40 hours. In addition, an advance training course of at least 40 hours should be developed.
- Communications, for alarm systems and dispatch capabilities, should be considered an integral part of the rural fire department. Funds are available for the development and purchase of radio equipment for dispatching centers, vehicles and alert monitors and pagers.
- Requests for HAZMAT, extrication, or medical aid gear are not fundable.