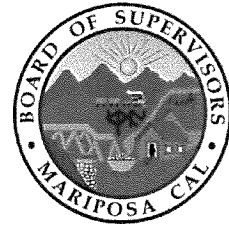




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RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2021-86

MEETING: February 23, 2021
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Dallin Kimble, County Administrative Officer
RE: MCRCD Grant Writing MOU

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Grant Writing Services with Mariposa County Resource Conservation District in an Amount Not to Exceed \$45,000; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the MOU.

Mariposa County and the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District (RCD) have collaborated often on projects to enhance the wildfire resiliency and preparedness of our community. This agreement would allow the County to compensate RCD up to \$15,000 annually for resiliency-related grant writing through the end of December 2023.

As wildfires become more severe across the state, more actions are needed to protect the homes and property of Mariposans. Federal and State governments are dedicating more funds to disaster mitigation, but counties are most often required to compete for those funds through a grant application process.

This action aims to increase the County's capacity for grant writing, while simultaneously supporting a capable community partner with common goals for wildfire preparation. When grants are awarded, payment for grant writing services can often be included in the grant expenses. County funds will only be necessary for work completed on grant applications that are not ultimately awarded.

The agreement exemplifies our stated value of collaboration with a top priority at a reasonable expense that can be easily tracked. Staff recommends approval at this time.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

On November 10, 2020, the Board approved an agreement with RCD to partner on the installation of a water storage tank at the Bootjack Fire Station. RCD was awarded a grant in the amount of \$708,428 and dedicated considerable staff time to help offset the cost of this project.

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On August 13, 2019, the Board approved an agreement with RCD to receive up to \$591,714 in Forest Health Grant funding obtained by RCD for tree mortality services. This work was completed through the County's agreement with Blue Ridge Services.

Mariposa County and RCD have partnered on many other occasions to bring grant funds and resiliency projects to our community.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not approve. The County may not have capacity to apply for and receive as many grant funds for local resiliency projects.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This is a three-year agreement not to exceed \$15,000 annually and shared between Fire and Public Works budget. There is sufficient funding in the budget for this agreement.

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft MOU County - RCD (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Wayne Forsythe, District IV Supervisor

SECONDER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor

AYES: Smallcombe, Sweeney, Long, Forsythe, Menetrey